

HOUSTON VOICE

A COMMUNITY NEWS PUBLICATION • JANUARY 7, 1994 • ISSUE 689

HOUSTON (713) 529-8490 • NATIONWIDE (800) 729-8490 • FAX (713) 529-9531

IN THIS WEEKS ISSUE

OutSpoken by Editor,
Sheri Cohen Darbonne

New Comic by Robert
Kirby, CURBSIDE

Tyler murder renews national focus on gay-bashing in Texas

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

A brutal slaying last month in the East Texas town of Tyler is re-introducing a national audience to the problem of anti-gay hate crimes in this state, as activists there promote a rally this weekend as a non-protest and Houstonians relive the aftermath of the 1991 murder of Paul Broussard.

The Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is joining the East Texas Gay and Lesbian Alliance to sponsor a "Stop the Hate" Rally in Tyler's Begfield Park at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 8. The rally was organized in response to the brutal murder of Nicholas West, a 23-year-old Tyler resident, on Dec. 2.

West, a medical records clerk described by his relatives as cheerful and outgoing, was abducted from the same park, forced at gunpoint to walk half a mile in freezing weather to a remote sand pit. There he was stripped, robbed and beaten before he was shot at least nine times and left to die.

One of the three suspects arrested four days later told Tyler police that he "hated homosexuals with a purple passion." Acting on an anonymous tip, police had arrested Donald Loren Aldrich, 29; Henry Dunn Jr., 19, and David Ray McMillan, 17. All three confessed to the killing, police say.

Bergfield Park, in the heart of Tyler's stately Azalea District, is known as a gathering place for gay men. The town has no gay bars or similar social outlets.

Like the Broussard case in Houston, West's murder has attracted the national media largely because of the brutality, remorselessness and hatred admitted by the suspects. The story was featured this week in the national newspaper USA today, and is scheduled to be discussed on a CNN program Friday.

The cases have many similarities: like Broussard, West was accosted in a location known to be frequented by gay men. Two of three assailants were under 20 years old.

The only one of ten suspects yet to be sentenced in the Broussard case, Paul Dillon, is scheduled for a sentencing hearing Monday in District Judge Brian Rains' court.

Members of the Houston chapter of

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays said they were organizing a local group to show support at the rally. Terri Richardson, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said members of that organization also planned to be in Tyler Saturday. "Since (the Broussard murder), Houston is acutely aware of the need for hate crime laws. Lesbians and gay men regularly face the threat of hate-related violence in Houston," she said.

The tone of the planned rally is subject for debate. Local activists insist the event is not a protest, but in fact a thank you and show of support to the police who quickly apprehended the suspects.

Others, however, say they hope the action will call attention to the necessity of including sexual orientation in legislation, to deter future violence against gay men and lesbians.

"Officials from Smith County indicated this murder was a hate crime," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, LGRL executive director. "We will not be silent about this hate crime. We will unite against this type of violence...we will stand together and insist that hate crimes will not be tolerated in Texas."

"Nicholas West's murder illustrates the hatred and violence lesbians and gay men face regularly," Hardy-Garcia said. "This points out the absolute necessity of including lesbians and gay men in hate crime legislation in Texas."

Scheduled to speak at the rally are State Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, Tyler resident and gay activist Wesley Beard, Sandy Moore, head of the Arlington chapter of P-Flag and Rev. Mel White of Dallas' MCC Cathedral of Hope.

Beard, a leader of the recently formed East Texas Alliance and one of the rally's organizers, is scheduled to be one of the guests on Cable News Network's nationally broadcast "Larry King Live" talk show this Friday night, Jan. 7, on an episode devoted to hate crimes legislation, and the inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected minority in laws covering hate-motivated violence. State Senators Rodney Ellis and Warren Chisum are scheduled to debate the issue on the program.

Southern Country sharing the wealth of Western culture



Members of Southern Country/Houston take their boot-scootin' seriously

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

If your idea of a Country-Western Valentine's Day weekend is a night of purist boot scootin' and barbecue with your Texas sweetheart at the BRB or the Ranch, move over. This year, you could be sharing the stage with the seriously high-tech steppin' of Boston's "Gays for Patsy."

That troupe is one of the chapters of the newly organizing International Association of Gay and Lesbian Country and Western Dance Clubs that may send members to the second annual "Hoedown" sponsored in Houston by the local chapter of Southern Country, a country and western dance club and educational network.

Members of these groups take their dance seriously, and are careful to point out that their goals are not frivolous. Most Southern Country chapters are non-profit organizations whose activities include raising funds for charity as well as teaching and promoting C&W danc-

ing and culture. The Houston chapter has a performing group that supports other organizations' benefits as well as those organized and staged by the club.

Titled "Sweethearts in Texas," the event, set for Sept. 11-13 at the Holiday Inn on I-10 West at Silber, is the second large-scale gathering hosted by the Houston group will also be the first anniversary event for a "sister" Southern Country club in Austin. Dancing and other events will take place at the local C&W bars.

Regional Hoedowns, whose attendance is often national in scope, are a tradition of the Southern Country network, which started in Atlanta several years ago. So is "Hoedown hopping" among the members of the 20-25 chapters, who often travel several times a year to attend the elaborate dance parties in other cities. But the formation of the international group, and the sharing of country dance trends with groups from points not in the south or west, has added a new dimension, according to members of the group.

"One of the things we're looking forward to is, the Association is moving toward have a national, annual conference," said Paul Ross, president of Southern Country/Houston. "The Hoedowns, so far, have basically been regional functions. They provide a place for people to come together and share dance information—have classes, teach new dances that are being done in other areas," he said.

As the network has grown, said Ross, "It became obvious that people couldn't get around to attend all these different events around the country. It got to the point that there was a new organization forming almost every two weeks, and there's always something going on somewhere."

While the first national convention probably won't be held until 1995 or 1996, organizers of the Houston bash are expecting "People from L.A. to Boston...we've invited people from all over. We'll probably have several hundred for the three day event," Ross said.

(Continued on Page 6)

Prosecutors: Hawaii man on trial hated gays, planned to kill them

HONOLULU, Wednesday, Dec. 29 (AP)—A man on trial for murdering a gay man two years ago was described by prosecutors as hating homosexuals and having a plan to kill them.

Prosecutors made opening arguments Tuesday in the trial of former

Kaneohe Marine John Knight, who is accused of killing William Rowe in Rowe's Waikiki apartment in August 1991.

Deputy Prosecutor Tom Brady said Knight, 23, bragged to friends that he had picked up a man at a gay bar in

Waikiki, went back to that man's house, then slashed his throat.

"I got a faggot. I killed someone. Do you want to see the body?" Brady quoted a statement Knight allegedly made to friends.

Brady said Knight first made Rowe,

43, give him the access code to his bank card, then "after he gave him that information, he slashed his throat."

Rowe's body was found in a pool of blood in his living room by his roommate the next day. There were no

signs of forced entry.

The attorney for Knight deferred making an opening statement, choosing to wait until the prosecution finishes presenting its case. It's not known if Knight will testify in his own defense.

Massachusetts college offers benefits to gay partners

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Friday, Dec. 31 (AP)—Smith College begins a new policy Saturday granting health insurance and other benefits to live-in partners of gay and lesbian employees.

The women's college joins a number of other schools around the country that have adopted such measures.

The policy is "one more step of recognition that our lifestyles are respected on this campus," said Joan Ballas, a lesbian who works in the Smith registrar's office.

Eileen Corbeil, Smith's benefits director, said the move was drafted in keeping with the campus ban on discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The new policy, which was approved by the board of trustees, gives a variety of benefits to domestic partners of gay or lesbian faculty and staff, including health and dental insurance, use of the college gym and library, and family leave.

Such benefits were already available to married couples.

The college defines a same-sex domestic partner as someone "who is sharing a long-

term committed relationship of indefinite duration."

The partners must be at least 18 years old and share a home for at least 12 consecutive months to be eligible for benefits. They must be "financially responsible for each other's well-being" and the employee must work at least half-time.

Corbeil said she expected fewer than 20 of the campus's 1,250 employees to sign up for the benefits initially.

Some employees have proposed similar benefits for unmarried heterosexual couples in long-term relationships. But Corbeil said the campus is not ready to extend the policy to them.

"It's going to take some study and thought before we decide to change the rationale," she said.

She said the new policy was offered to gay and lesbian partners because they are not allowed to marry in Massachusetts.

"What we're doing in fact is reaffirming marriage as the basis," Corbeil said.

There are about 2700 students at the elite women's college.

Baton Rouge exposure to AIDS conviction upheld

BATON ROUGE, La., Thursday, Dec. 30 (AP)—The first person imprisoned in Louisiana for knowingly exposing others to the AIDS virus has had his conviction upheld by the state's 1st Circuit Court of Appeal.

In a ruling made public Thursday, a three-judge panel rejected arguments on behalf of Salvatore A. Gamberella, from Houma, that the law was too vague to sustain his conviction.

"The intentional exposure of the AIDS virus statute offers a clear and definite standard of conduct; and the words of the statute are readily understandable by an ordinary person of reasonable intelligence," wrote Judge Kenneth J. Fogg.

The AIDS law makes it illegal for a person who knows he has tested positive for the HIV virus to have sexual relations with someone without first telling the partner of the presence of the virus.

Gamberella was convicted Nov. 18, 1992, of exposing a girlfriend to the virus through sex. During the trial, Gamberella said he told her that he had the

virus which causes AIDS. The woman, who tested HIV-positive after giving birth to Gamberella's child, testified that he had not.

Gamberella was sentenced to the maximum 10 years in prison. District Judge Baron B. Bourg later added another 10 years to the sentence after finding Gamberella to be a second felony habitual offender.

In his appeal, Gamberella also argued that the law violated his right of privacy and denied him due process and equal protection of the law.

He maintained that the Louisiana statute interfered with the right of an HIV-infected person to engage in sexual activities, and that the statute depends on evidence that can only be obtained by a violation of a person's right to privacy.

The court disagreed.

"The right of privacy is not absolute; it is qualified by the rights of others. ... Furthermore, the right of privacy does not shield all private sexual acts from state regulation," Fogg wrote.

Report shows one of six gays in Colorado has AIDS

DENVER, Thursday, Dec. 30 (AP)—A new report from the state health department shows that since 1982, one of every six gay men in Colorado between 20 and 49 has contracted the human immunodeficiency virus or AIDS or has died from the disease.

As of November, 3702 Coloradans had AIDS, including 2179 who have died of the disease since 1982 and another 3867 have tested positive for the HIV, the precursor to AIDS, according to the report by the health department's AIDS Surveillance Section.

The report says gay or bisexual men account for 83 percent of the 3702 AIDS cases, of which 405 also are intravenous drug users. Non-gay intravenous drug users make up 7 percent, or 262, of the cases.

Three percent, or 125, of the cases are hemophiliacs or people receiving blood transfusions.

Heterosexual contact caused 3 percent, or 123 of the cases. Of those, 78 are women and 45 are men.

Undetermined causes are listed for 2.7 per-

cent, or 102, of the cases, of which 87 are men and 15 are women.

Using the estimate that the gay male population of Colorado is 4 percent of the adult male population of the state, the study shows that one of 18,400 heterosexual males who aren't in another high-risk group has AIDS or HIV. And one of six homosexual males between 20 and 49 has, or had, AIDS or HIV.

Experts predict about 500 new cases of AIDS in 1993, the lowest level in three years.

But Terry Stewart, director of education

for the Colorado AIDS Project, said many gay men in Colorado who have been practicing safe sex for several years, apparently are reverting to unsafe behavior, threatening a new explosion of the AIDS epidemic.

Gay men over most of the past decade "have made leaps and bounds toward changing behavior," Stewart said, such as practicing abstinence, using condoms and staying faithful to one partner. But he said within the gay community now, "We seem to see a resurgence of unsafe behavior."



For many people, selling a life insurance policy is the single most important financial decision of a lifetime: It's a sizable transaction and one that comes at a critical time in life.

Which is why you must deal with a company that upholds the highest ethical standards as well as one that is financially sound. Living Benefits was the first company to purchase life insurance policies from people facing life-threatening illnesses.

You've thought long and hard about selling your life insurance policy. Now, spend a few minutes making sure it turns out for the best.

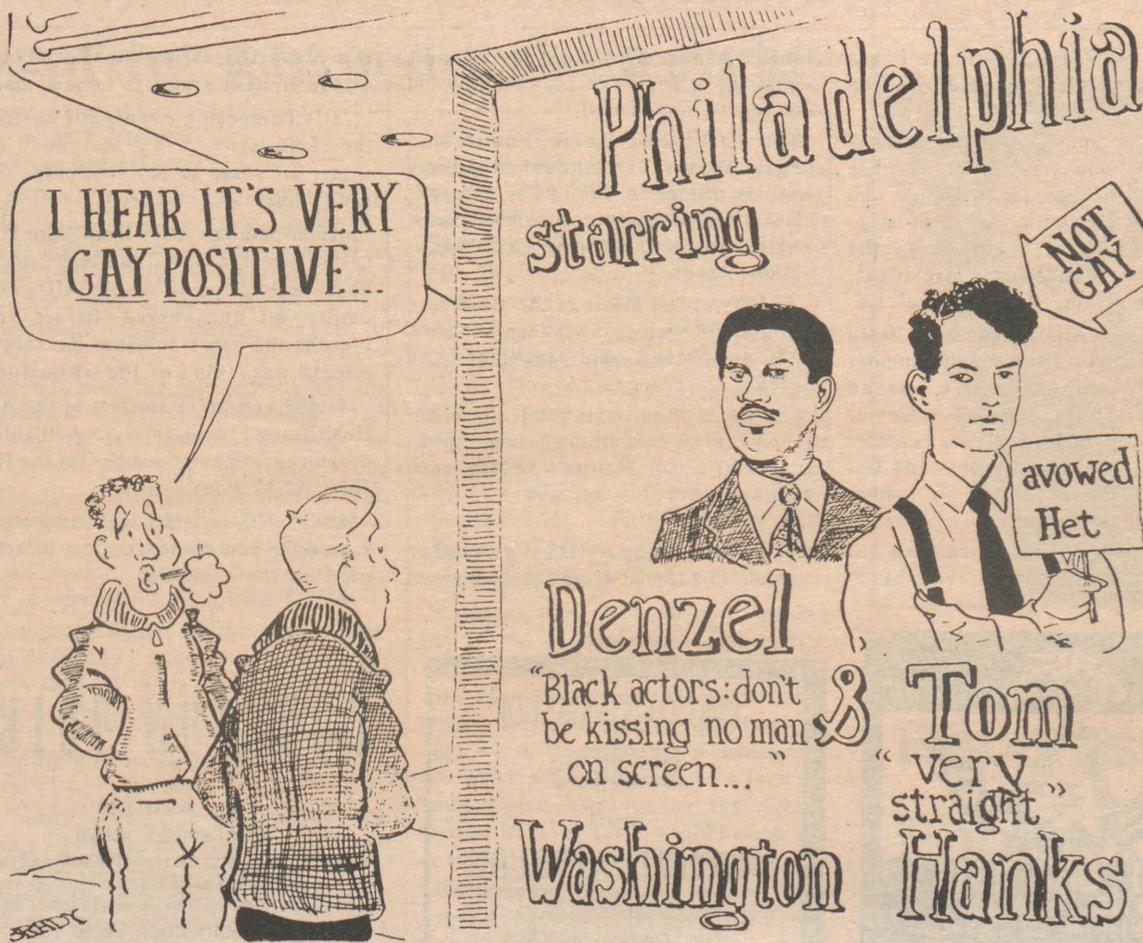
Now that the field is crowded with new and less familiar names, you should know we are the oldest, largest, and most respected company in the field.

You should also beware that some companies do not have the financial capacity to purchase your policy outright. They 'shop' a client's case to private investors. As a public company with more than \$50,000,000 of available capital, we never involve third parties. And, your files are always held in absolute confidence.

Call us today. If you're thinking long and hard, a few minutes talking with us can give you the kind of accurate information and answers you need. **1-800-458-8790.**

LIVING BENEFITS
A VIATICAL SETTLEMENT COMPANY
Dedicated to living with quality and dignity.

Brady's Corner



Thanks from Bering Foundation for New Year's party

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From STACIE KOKINOS

Director of Development, Bering Community Service Foundation

The Steering committee and Hosts of Celebrate 1994 extend their sincere thanks to the following for their support of Houston's First Annual Gay and Lesbian Community New Year's Eve Party held atop the Wyndham Warwick Hotel:

Caremark International, Curaflex Infusion Services, Inc., Finlandia Vodka, Greenwood King Properties, Healix Infusion Therapy, Inc., Jerry Baiamonte/Service, Inc., Neiman Marcus, Houston Voice, One TV, Park Plaza Hospital, Pasternak's Emporium, Rentokil Tropical Plants, Truffles by Norvex USA, Inc., Twelve Oaks Hospital, The Spencer Company and Wyndham Warwick Hotel.

The evening was spectacular and a complete sell-out. For those of you that attended we hope you had a fabulous time! We enjoyed ringing in 1994 with you. Best wishes for health and happiness in the new year.

Can our actions make society more tolerant, affirming of gays?

OBSERVER'S NOTEBOOK

By PAUL VARNELL

What makes tolerance break out? Put differently: How does it sometimes happen that people who were hostile to gays and lesbians come to be less hostile, less moved by whatever concerns moved them before?

I ask this question because I have decided that I do not know the answer. Worse, no one else seems to know the answer, either. To paraphrase Schopenhauer, to praise tolerance is easy; to bring it about is hard.

But I suspect that we are not going to make much rapid progress until we give this some serious thought. At present we seem to be flying blind, doing the lobbying and activism we know how to do, without any assurance that they measurably promote tolerance.

Tolerance may not be our goal. That may be acceptance or affirmation or equal social regard. But we have no obvious way of producing those if we cannot even generate a preparatory tolerance. Surely few people switch directly from anti-gay to pro-gay in a flash, as if by some sudden gestalt switch "aha" experience.

In sociology and psychology there is a vast literature on prejudice, where it comes from, what supports it, its role in a person's mental structure, demographic correlates, and how it is manipulated for political purposes. But there is little about how it can be mitigated, moderated, attenuated, ameliorated. Little on how people come to feel their prejudicial passions less, where that emotional energy goes or how it can be rechanneled, or whether it simply dissipates like a cloud of insubstantial dreams into airy nothingness. Yet that is exactly the sort of knowledge the world, and we, most

need.

In philosophy there are books and articles without end proposing or arguing for this or that theory, concept, idea or view, and often a minute logical analysis of those ideas, etc. But there is almost nothing on the means by which people-philosophers or citizens-choose their ideas in the first place, or come to change their minds about them. There is almost nothing about what kinds of considerations weigh with them, how they judge or assess those ideas and arguments, what kind of process takes place in their minds.

For instance, do people change their minds because of good reasons and new facts, or because of perceptions, awareness, experiences? Do they change their minds only after the fact, by becoming aware that they "want" to? And what makes them want to? Or do people change their minds at a conscious level only after the fact, by becoming aware that they no longer believe what they thought they believed?

After all, it is often their initial belief "system" that determines for people what things they accept as facts or good reasons in the first place. Consider the religious fundamentalist who "knows" as a fact that gays "choose" to be gay or "knows" that we have to recruit to "freshen our ranks."

Maybe, for instance, people grow more tolerant when they (somehow) come to care less about something, when other things become more important. If so, what sorts of things? Maybe they change their minds when they realize they have accumulated a sufficient number (unspecified) of experiences that run counter to their preconceptions, and those somehow generate or support a new way of seeing something. Still, we do not know how that happens.

We can speculate that tolerance comes about from the accumulation of experiences, personal firsthand experiences as well as secondhand ones through the reports of friends, from newspaper stories, from the entertainment media. Tolerance may be a kind of getting used to, a growth of confidence that whatever before seemed threatening—often simply the unknown—is, after all, not very menacing.

No, not quite, not just used-to-ness but a kind of empathic being-around that enables people to see the human commonalities in other people's life experiences, goals, human needs. Maybe when skeptical heterosexuals learn that gays and lesbians are motivated by pretty much the same things as themselves, that gays are more or less comprehensible and not very mysterious, then they will be able to place what differences there are in some sort of proper subsidiary perspective.

Up until now, our legislative efforts have been only sporadically effective and our civil rights laws have been overturned in referendums because we have failed to take this natural human quality into account. Many of our "visibility" actions—kiss-ins at malls, noisy demonstrations at fundamentalist churches—have been ineffective or even counterproductive for the same reason.

Accordingly, I propose that activists be required to offer for each of their efforts what I will call a "psychological impact statement."

We have all become familiar with the fiscal impact statements some states require for certain legislative proposals. Increasingly, states have required environmental impact statements for major new construction.

So, similarly, gays should be prepared to explain what they expect the psychological impact of any action will be-how

it will promote tolerance, understanding and empathy among the people who are its main targets, as well as among onlookers and those who see it on television.

Claims such as "This is me" or "This expresses my anger" or "This feels good" would have no standing. People should have to offer an explanation of how the action will be perceived and interpreted by others.

Similarly, at the individual level, maybe most skeptical heterosexuals will become more tolerant when they have a good deal of experience seeing gays as friends, neighbors, colleagues at work. But in order for people to get to know us, we have to make the effort to get know them. That means that gays will become more tolerated (maybe even affirmed) only when we begin to participate in block clubs and neighborhood associations, when we join local business groups, when we become active in our local church or civil betterment group when we actually contribute something to them.

For many of us, this may not be easy. It offends our desire for personal efficacy to think that we are only one small component of an ongoing process. And it violates our sense of human agency to think that we cannot bring something about directly, but only by putting genuine effort into something else. Yet if there is one unifying finding in all of the social sciences, from sociology to economics, it is that most important social changes happen indirectly, as the unintended consequences of other, intended actions.

We have as a community been taught to think of the solutions to our problems in political terms. It may be better to think of them primarily in social terms.

Michael Callen, singer, AIDS activist, dies at 38

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday, Dec. 28 (AP)—Michael Callen, a composer, singer, author and prominent AIDS activist who was among those to survive the longest with the disease, died of AIDS complications. He was 38.

Callen, who died Monday, was diagnosed in 1982 as having the disease that later was named acquired immune deficiency syn-

drome, said his companion, Richard Dworkin.

Callen never took the commonly prescribed AZT and received alternative chemotherapy for AIDS-related cancer, Dworkin said.

"He tried to keep in motion to present a moving target for the disease. And he never took AZT. He thought that was another rea-

son he was around for so long."

For more than a decade, Callen worked to improve the quality of life for people with AIDS and promoted buyer's clubs providing low-cost access to AIDS treatments. He urged use of the term "people with AIDS" as an alternative to "AIDS victims" and was an early advocate of safe sex practices.

A member of the New York City Mayor's Int-

eragency Task Force on AIDS and the New York State AIDS Institute, he testified before state and congressional committees and published several works on the disease. He was the former lead singer of "The Flirtations" and author of "Surviving AIDS."

In addition to Dworkin, Callen is survived by his parents, Barbara and Clifford Callen, a sister and a brother.

One California AIDS charity accuses another of swiping limelight

By NIKO PRICE
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Monday, Jan. 3 (AP)—The latest offensive in the battle against AIDS has little to do with the disease.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation has issued a press release criticizing the Elton John AIDS Foundation, which has the common goal of raising money for the fight against the disease.

The trouble is over scheduling. For the second year in a row, both organizations plan parties on March 21, the night of the Academy Awards. It will be the fifth for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the second for the singer's group.

"The Elton John Foundation has ... designed an event to steal the thunder of an agency providing desperately needed healthcare to thousands of Cali-

fornians," the AIDS Healthcare Foundation wrote in a letter signed by seven other AIDS organizations.

"I am so disappointed when local AIDS organizations who work in the trenches every day are disregarded by people who seem more interested in their own image enhancement than in advancing the effort," the foundation's president, Michael Weinstein, said in the release.

The Elton John AIDS Foundation, based in Atlanta, has no listed phone number and the Washington, D.C.-based research library the Foundation Center said it had been unable to locate a number after several attempts. Atlanta and Los Angeles AIDS agencies had no number for the foundation.

John's publicist was unavailable for comment, and no one was available at

John's management company. Representatives of John's record company did not return phone calls.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation began hosting an annual Academy Awards dinner in 1990. The catered, black-tie affair features a celebrity host and the awards shown live on a giant television screen.

Tickets to the affair at the Directors Guild of America cost between \$150 and \$250 per person, said organizer Lynn LeMay.

"It's one of our main fund-raisers for the year," said Foundation spokesperson Keith Malone. LeMay estimated the event raised about \$45,000 last year.

The Elton John AIDS Foundation announced a similar event for the night of

this year's awards, with the added bonus of the British singer's famous name.

"It's competing events for basically the same issue," said Malone. "It is ironic. It's sad to say the least. ... It really hurts."

Malone said the AIDS Healthcare Foundation wrote a letter and made several phone calls to the Elton John AIDS Foundation—all unanswered—before sending out the press release. He said the release was "kind of the ultimatum."

Malone and other staffers at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation were unable to provide a telephone number for the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

Other AIDS activists said there was no reason the two events couldn't be scheduled on the same day.

1307 FAIRVIEW
(3 blocks West of Montrose)
(713) 529-1414
THE TIRE PLACE INC.
• Alignment • Brakes


DIRECT CREMATION
(713) 864-1819
24 HOURS A DAY
ANYWHERE IN TEXAS

LAST CALL LAST CALL LAST CALL LAST CALL
INKLINGS BOOKSHOP and MFA FILMS
present
LAST CALL AT MAUD'S
A new film about the notorious San Francisco lesbian bar
Friday, January 14, 8 pm
Friday, January 21, 8 pm
Friday, January 28, 8 pm
The Museum of Fine Arts
1001 Bissonnet
For more info call:
639-7530 or 521-3369
FREE TICKETS WHILE THEY LAST AT INKLINGS 1846 Richmond


HOUSTON VOICE

ISSUE 688
December 31, 1993
Published Fridays
Established 1974 as the Houston Montrose Star, re-established 1980 as the Houston Montrose Voice, incorporating 1991 the New Orleans Crescent City Star
811 Westheimer, Suite 105
Houston, Texas 77006
(713) 529-8490
(800) 729-8490
Fax: (713) 529-9531
Contents copyright 1994
Office Hours: 9am-5:30pm weekdays

Tad Nelson/publisher
James Cheek/production manager
EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
Sheri Cohen Darbonne/editor
John Reed/entertainment editor
STAFF WRITERS:
Vada Carroll, Bob Ainsworth, Javier Tamez
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS:
Leonard Earl Johnson, Paul Varnell
CARTOONISTS
David Brady, Cat Meyer
ADVERTISING SALES DEPARTMENT
HOUSTON/Don Dowden, Ron Shawn
CLASSIFIEDS & PERSONALS/Mike Prince
Corpus Christi/Suzette Locke
Galveston/Jerry Steuart
Rio Grande Valley/Alicia Lugo, Laura Coffey
San Antonio/Lefty Taylor
NATIONAL ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE
Michael Gravois, Rivendale Marketing,
POB 1268, Plainfield, NJ (908) 769-8850
Notice to advertisers:
Advertising rate schedule 11 was effective Aug. 17, 1992

BASIC BROTHERS WINTER SALE
20% - 50% OFF
BASIC BROTHERS
1232 WESTHEIMER
HOUSTON, TX 77006
(713) 522-1626
OPEN MON-SAT 10-9 SUN 12-6



Caring Cremations
"Serving the needs of the community with Dignity and Pride"

DEER PARK FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
336 E. San Augustine
Deer Park, Texas 77536
Danny W. Duncan
Funeral Director
(713) 476-4693

Don't Let Your Money Fly Away For Nothing!
Own your own home for less than rent and design it the way you want it.
KEN BRADSHAW (210) 653-7711

—Partial or complete reproduction of any advertisement, news article or feature, copy or photograph from the Houston Voice is specifically prohibited by federal statute.
—Opinions expressed by columnists are not necessarily those of the Houston Voice or its staff.
—Publication of the name or photograph of any person or organization in articles or advertising in the Houston Voice is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation of said person or organization.
POSTMASTER: Send address corrections to 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006
Subscription rate in US (by carrier or US Mail): \$1.75 per week (\$45.50 per 6 months or \$91 per year)
Display advertising deadline: 5pm CT Friday to reserve space, noon CT Monday to furnish ad copy, for Friday publication
Classified advertising deadline: noon CT Monday for Friday publication
Responsibility: We do not assume financial responsibility for claims by advertisers but readers are asked to advise the newspaper of any suspicion of fraudulent or deceptive advertising and suspicions will be investigated
Member: National Gay Newspaper Guild; Gay & Lesbian Press Association; Associate member: Associated Press

The Houston Voice welcomes well-written, insightful and to-the-point opinion pieces for our editorial page. We also welcome "counterpoint" articles that represent a different view on the issues approached in commentaries that we have run. We reserve the right to edit for length, format and readability, and we will run only one full-length counterpoint to an opinion piece. Shorter responses may run as "letters to the editor" at our discretion.

Analysis: 1993 was watershed year for gay and lesbian rights

By KIM I. MILLS
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 1 (AP)—The dispute over gays in the military, a large march on Washington and several high-level Clinton administration appointments brought the gay rights movement unprecedented scrutiny in 1993.

Even before 1993, gay activists had proclaimed it "The Year of the Queer." And it was precisely that—to the delight of some and the horror of others.

The March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights in April was the largest such gathering ever. One of the demonstrators' demands was the right to serve openly in the armed forces.

Gay people almost got that wish in 1993. But Bill Clinton, a president more sympathetic than any of his predecessors to gay rights, couldn't—or wouldn't—totally reverse the 50-year-old policy aimed at keeping homosexuals out of the military.

Clinton, who as a candidate for the White House had promised to lift the ban by executive order, found strong resistance in the Pentagon and Congress. After months of hearings, negotiations and angst, Congress passed and Clinton signed a policy that gays dubbed as "ban-plus" because it may be more onerous than the original prohibition.

The policy said in effect that no one could be denied membership in the military because of his or her sexual preference, but that there could be no homosexual conduct.

The judicial branch was more receptive to arguments against the prohibition.

A federal appeals court in California found the original ban unconstitutional and ordered gay naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold reinstated. The Justice Department is appealing.

In Washington, another federal appeals court ordered the Navy to give a diploma and officer's commission to Joseph Steffan, a former midshipman who was forced to quit the U.S. Naval Academy six weeks before graduating because he told his commandant about his homosexuality. The administration is divided over whether to appeal.

And in another case, a federal appeals judge in Washington dropped strong hints that Marine Sgt. Justin C. Elzie will probably win his suit against the government for ousting him after he went on television and announced his homosexuality.

Clinton also named more than a dozen openly gay men and women to mid-level government posts, starting with then-San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg as an assistant housing secretary. Although Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., opposed her as a "damned lesbian," Achtenberg won confirmation by the Senate.

Gay people found friends in unexpected places in 1993. Sen. Barry Goldwater, a bastion of Republican conservatism, said the taboo on military service was "just plain dumb." And Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., took to the Senate floor to speak lovingly of his lesbian daughter.

But when three Oklahoma congressmen said they would refuse to hire openly gay people, House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., surprised some with his response. The liberal Foley said he understood that members of Congress have a special need to hire whomever they want for sensitive jobs.

Overall, gay Americans were treated with ambivalence in 1993.

Lesbians were declared chic, making the covers of magazines ranging from Newsweek to New York to Vanity Fair.

But that news apparently didn't reach Overt, Miss., where townfolks left a dead dog on the mailbox of a lesbian couple which was trying to open a feminist camp. Some residents said they feared women from the camp would kidnap and sexually abuse their daughters.

Georgetown, Texas, said it didn't want Apple Computer Inc. to open an \$80 million customer support office there because of its policy of providing health benefits to unmarried partners, including gays. But a week after the county commissioners rejected a tax break for the computer giant, they did an about-face.

A federal judge in Virginia denied custody to a lesbian couple solely because of their sexuality, and turned the son of one of the women over to his grandmother.

But in Boston, a state Supreme Court ruling made two lesbians the first gay couple to win approval from Massachusetts to adopt a child. And in New Jersey, a Superior Court judge allowed a lesbian to adopt her partner's daughter, making them both the child's parents.

On Election Day, voters rejected gay-rights protections in Cincinnati, repealed them in Lewiston, Maine, and said no to such a measure in Portsmouth, N.H.

But a year after Colorado passed an initiative outlawing gay-rights laws, a state district judge ruled that the measure was unconstitutional. He tempered that ruling by saying homosexuals didn't need the special protections afforded other minorities who have been victims of past discrimination.

Marietta, Ga., passed an ordinance condemning "lifestyles advocated by the gay community" after a straight couple complained about a production of "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," a play about AIDS.

But in Hawaii, the state Supreme Court decided that a rule barring same-sex marriages violated an anti-discrimination clause in the state constitution.

Former guard says Tower Records spied on gay employees

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 28 (AP)—A former Tower Records security guard is suing the company, claiming his superiors ordered him to spy on gay store managers and bug another manager's office.

Husham "Eddie" Haroun, who supervised security at 11 San Francisco Bay area stores, has filed suit against the retail store outlet, charging that he was forced to quit after refusing to conduct the surveillance.

The company intended "to terminate or demote gay store managers because homosexuals do not fit the image of Tower Records," the suit charged.

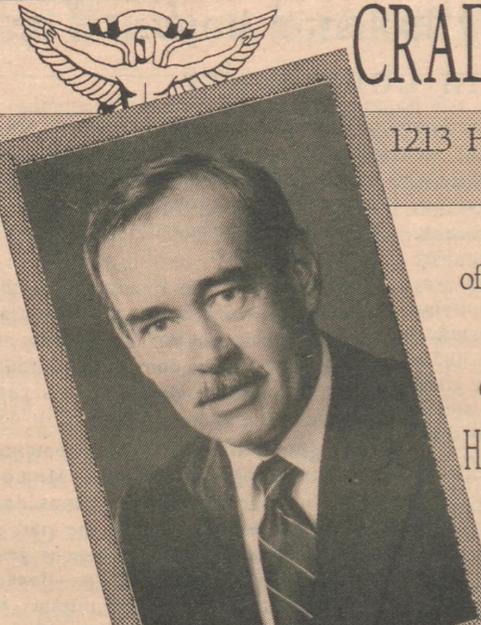
Jamerson Allen, a lawyer representing Tower, said the company has not yet seen the suit and declined comment.

Haroun said his superiors ordered him to bug a gay manager's office to find out if the manager was "arranging personal homosexual liaisons on company time and tele-phones."

Haroun, 29, said he was forced to resign in February after working for Tower for 3 1/2 years because he refused to bug the offices.

The suit, filed last week in San Francisco Superior Court, seeks unspecified damages.

The suit also claims that Tower discriminated against Haroun, who is black, because of his race and that he was subjected to racial epithets at work.



CRAD DUREN, M.D.

1213 Hermann Dr., Suite 430
(713) 520-0653

Internal medical practice offering discreet confidential care to the community, including HIV/AIDS diagnostics & therapeutics

HEALTHCARE FROM THE HEART

Anonymous Testing & Counseling
Major Credit & Personal Checks Accepted
Insurance with Qualification
Medicare

Report shows hate crimes in Phoenix increased in 1993

PHOENIX, Monday, Jan. 3 (AP)—There were 125 recorded hate crimes in the city last year—10 more than in 1992—but police attribute the increase to better reporting, not more attacks based on prejudice.

In 1991, the Phoenix Police Department became the first in the state to begin recording hate crimes as a separate category of offenses.

Phoenix officers reported 48 bias-motivated crimes that year. In 1992, officers recorded 115 hate crimes, which often involve assaults, bomb threats and cross burnings.

The first nine months of 1993 saw 94 hate

crimes, according to a report to the Phoenix City Council released Thursday.

Police Chief Dennis Garrett said his department trains all its officers on how to identify a hate crime in which a victim is selected because of his or her race, ethnic group, nationality, religion or sexual preference.

Field officers refer all hate crime reports to the department's Organized Crime Bureau, where a bias crimes investigator does a follow up.

Garrett said his department has solved about 40 percent of all hate crimes reported.



Steve Simon, President

Some companies and brokers are promising you "the most money for your life insurance policy," but they are breaking their promises.

They promise to only represent your interests...they promise to get you the most for your policy...they promise that everything is confidential...they promise you will not have to pay their fee. They promise you will get your money quickly. They promise and they promise!

And who will these brokers sell your policy to? Not the com-

pany that will pay you the most, but someone who will pay the broker the most. Think about that! And who are these "funding sources" that they are sending your personal and confidential medical records to? Someone you can check out? Someone you can trust? Someone you would want owning your life insurance policy?

And who really pays the broker's fee? You! If you worked directly

with a company like American Life Resources there would be no fee. The extra money it costs to have a middleman shop your policy to investors would go directly to you. And copies of your private and confidential medical records would not be floating around the country like a chain letter.

We don't need to find someone to purchase your policy. We don't have to wait to get you your funds after

you have been approved. We have over 50 million dollars of our own money that is solely dedicated to purchasing life insurance policies. You receive the most money possible with no hassles, no excuses and no delays.

Call us for more information. You don't need middlemen and neither do we. We keep our promises so you can keep yours!

1-800-633-0407

American
ALife Resources®

A Viatical Settlement Company

American Life Resources is one of the oldest and largest viatical settlement companies in the world. We have helped more PWAs take control of their lives than any other organization.

Southern Country Houston hopes to be a unifying force in community

(Continued from page 1)

The Houston chapter of Southern Country formed in March, 1992 and last year held its first Hoedown on Valentine's Day weekend. Like other chapters with the Southern Country name, the local group was founded on the premise of being a unifying force in the Gay and Lesbian community and its current membership is about 50-50, men and women. In its early days, the group met with some opposition and resistance locally to this gender parity, but that situation has greatly improved since then, said Hector Torres, the group's historian. "There are still some people in Houston with separatist attitudes, but in general, I think things are changing."

Similarly, the C&W community here is slowly becoming more open-minded in its approach to what constitutes country dancing, said Ross. "One of the things we do at the Hoedowns is, we have a dance swap, where different chapters can teach each other the dances that are catching on in their communities," he said.

The Houston group's goals are to teach

and promote C&W dance; to help charity events sponsored by other groups through its performance group; and to give direct donations to community charities, members said.

After the Houston Hoedown, Southern Country makes a donation to a local charity from the funds that are raised, Ross said. Last year, the group donated about \$500 to AIDS Foundation Houston; this year's scheduled beneficiary is the Colt 45's.

The group, however, is also centered in "fun-raising" activities. Members travel to participate in various dance events and benefits around the state and elsewhere, and give dance lessons geared to all levels in local clubs. Pre-Hoedown activities include a "Winter Fiesta" with dance lessons and food on Jan. 23, 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the Ranch. Proceeds will benefit the Colt 45's.

(For more information on Southern Country or the Sweethearts in Texas Hoedown, write P.O. Box 1502, Houston, TX 77252-1502.



Complimentary Dietary Assessments for HIV+ Individuals

Good nutrition is an essential part of maintaining a healthy immune system. NMC Homecare is now offering complimentary dietary assessments to HIV+ individuals.

This private assessment with a registered dietician will help you evaluate your current diet and learn ways to improve your nutritional status.

To register for this complimentary service, call your local NMC Homecare office.

nmc HOMECARE

A leading provider of home infusion and respiratory therapy services.

9315 Kirby Drive
Houston, TX 77054
800-942-1928

COME TOY WITH OUR BOYS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK



MONDAY 5PM • TUESDAY 5PM • WEDNESDAY 6PM • THURSDAY 5PM
FRIDAY 6PM • SATURDAY 10PM • SUNDAY 5PM

HOUSTON'S HOTTEST MALE STRIP CONTEST WEDNESDAY 10:30PM



WITH MISS GAY TEXAS
DYAN MICHAELS

SATURDAYS LIQUOR AND LONGNECK BUST

OPTIONAL \$5 BUY-IN FOR
75¢ WELL AND
\$1 DOMESTIC LONGNECKS
5:00PM TO 10:00PM
OR ENJOY OUR REGULAR
HAPPY HOUR PRICES
EXTENDED TO 10:00PM



2303 Richmond (713) 520-1861

ALL BILLS PAID!

MONTROSE AREA
1419 Hyde Park

**\$100 OFF MOVE-IN
With This Ad**

**Efficiencies
\$325**

Cable Available
Close To Bus Line

(713) 524-9660

PIANO TECHNICIAN



"Let Me Play With
Your Upright"

**DAVID HOENING
(713) 643-8410**

**Happy Hour
2 - 7pm
Everyday**

**Drink Specials You
Won't Believe!**

**Open
2pm - 2am
Everyday**

MIRIAM'S

115 General Krueger • San Antonio • (210) 308-7354

**Thursdays
Sassy hosts the Best
Strip Show In Town**

**Steak Night
Coming Soon**

**Don't Miss the
Best New Bar
In Town**

Primary filing deadline surprises, Bush-whackers and 'SBF's'

OUT SPOKEN

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

They say politics makes strange bedfellows, and in Houston this past week, it appears the sheets have really been ripped wide and sent sailing. Watch for confusing allegiances to be formed and new battle lines drawn as some diverse camps in Houston's progressive communities decide who they'll be supporting in the Democratic primary, which might also be influenced by recent developments at City Hall.

Following closely on the heels of Mayor Bob Lanier's somewhat unexpected announcement of Frank Mancuso's replacement as Mayor Pro-Tem, Al Calloway, the primary filing deadline surprise was Council Member Sheila Jackson Lee's challenge to U.S. Rep. Craig Washington for his 18th Congressional District Seat.

Both Lee and Washington are progressive African-American Democrats with close to mirror-image pools of loyal liberal support constituencies—including Gays and Lesbians. Both also have their critics in the Gay community, and Washington is treading thinner in some Black bases largely because of his endorsement in the recent Houston city elections of white Gay rights and AIDS activist Gene Harrington, who ran against the incumbent Calloway in District D. According to a telephone source who identified himself to the Voice as "Deep Throat" (but whose throaty voice sounded all too familiar), this

development may also have considerably influenced Lee's decision to run against the Congressman, who has lately been plagued with numerous other controversies and criticism of his voting attendance record.

Council Member Ben Reyes, another official who has enjoyed gay endorsements and support for years, is running anew against his two-time foe of 1992, U.S. Rep. Gene Green in the 29th Congressional District. Green has become something of a D.C./Texas ally of Washington's, and also recently has increased favor in some local gay Democratic circles.

Lee and second term Council Member Gracie Saenz were the expected choices for the largely ceremonial, but considered politically significant, pro-tem appointment. Sheila'd barely been sworn in for another term on the Houston City Council before setting her stakes Monday on the higher ground of Congress—a pretty pronounced change in course, according to well-established rumors, from plans to one day run for mayor.

Harrington's former campaign workers, with the help of Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, are currently pursuing an investigation into alleged physical and verbal harassment on election day by workers for Calloway's campaign. After the mayor's announcement, they sent a letter urging Lanier to postpone the appointment until after those that investigation is complete.

And Harrington, once a heavy-handed supporter of both his long time friend, Washington,

and Lee, says he's saddened by the Council Member's entry into the race, which he says "reeks of the politics of expediency."

"I'm sorry she's running against Craig. She's been a good council member, and I'm sad that she's challenging another friend of the community," he said. "My support of Craig, of course, is unchallenged."

Meanwhile, AIDS activist Brian Bradley, who challenged Lee for her council seat in November and who some might say has had his own share of SBF's (politically speaking) in the past, has definite ideas about who the mayor should appoint to fill the congressional hopeful's unexpired term if she should win. "In my opinion, if anyone's going to be appointed to that seat, it should be me," he said, reminding of his second place tally of over 27,600 votes. "I was the second choice of the voters, and it would be a way that Lanier could do something for the Gay community."

Bradley and the earlier mentioned "Deep Throat" also wondered aloud if Lee's decision to come up against a perceived "friend" of her own loyal following would be subject to the same scrutiny and criticisms as those of Gay candidates who challenged "gay-friendly" incumbents in the city election.

Note post

While we're on the subject of SBF's, an item in Maxine Messenger's column in the Houston Chronicle caught the attention of several high profile AIDS activists in the Gay community last week with the revelation of

the co-chairs selected for a high-society gala planned to raise funds for AmFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Named as honorary co-chairs of the event were prominent Houston residents George and Barbara Bush. Even those somewhat prepared for "George II: The Sequel" looming in the post-primary future in the Texas governor's race were caught a bit off guard by the announcement. While supportive of the event and the charitable intentions of its socialite host committee, they are finding it hard to swallow the idea of former President Bush, who verbally supported the Gay-bashing "family values" rhetoric of Republican Convention speakers and whose AIDS policies distanced even the national coalition of Log Cabin Republicans, being named "honorary" anything at an AIDS event.

Odder still is the irony that the benefit is for AmFAR, whose original founders, Dr. Mathilde Krim and actress Elizabeth Taylor, were outspoken critics of the Reagan and Bush administrations' AIDS policies. In a recent interview with The Advocate, a national Gay magazine, Krim (who according to the omniscient D.T. knew nothing of the Houston committee's choice beforehand) blasted both Bushes as indifferent, insensitive hypocrites. "Once in a while, Mrs. Bush would rock her little AIDS baby, but what has she done? This is pure theater, pure political photo opportunities, and it was sickening," the scientist-activist told the interviewer.

The bigger issue here, of course, is where to draw an ethical—emotional line when the opportunity exists to raise funds for the cause. The other side of the argument just presented is the belief that big names not previously associated with AIDS fund raising—such as George and Barbara Bush—will be able to "money" form sources previously untapped.

During her last two appearances in Houston, Krim made a point of noting that AmFAR would be deliberately re-directing its fund raising efforts to tap the non-gay wealthy and "high society" charity circles. The gay community, she said, has been carrying the burden for too long and its resources have already been drained in battling what should be viewed as everyone's problem.

She is right.

But from the perspective of the local activists, the host committee showed a lack of sensitivity in not soliciting input from the HIV-affected community in planning this particular event. They are hoping to pressure organizers into changing their selection of honorees. The buck, they say, should stop with George Bush.

It did when he was in office.

(Some pertinent mailing addresses for those who might agree: Mathilde Krim, Ph.D., c/o American Foundation for AIDS Research, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017; George and Barbara Bush, #9 West Oak Drive South, Houston, TX; Elizabeth Taylor, P.O. Box 487, Sunland, CA 91041-0487).



DIZINGER FOUNDATION

3701 Montrose Boulevard, Houston
(713) 522-8660

Don't Shoot!!!



Don't shoot the wrong way, that is. Learn the art of photography at no cost to you. Dizinger Foundation is currently seeking PWA's with an interest in photography to join our family of artists. Don't just think about it, call us and our professional instructor will show you how. Classes are held Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Foundation's office, black and white processing lab on premise. Preparations and shooting has already begun for a mid-spring public exhibition of Dizinger students' works.

Call us to schedule and give us your best shot!

"Positive Power of Art"

The Dizinger Foundation's program, "Positive Power of Art," funds art classes and provides supplies for people with HIV/AIDS. Grants are awarded to these individuals for many of the finished works. This program returns a "Purpose of Life" to those living with HIV/AIDS. The "Positive Power of Art" is on display at Foundation office and is available for sale to businesses and the public. All proceeds go directly back into the Foundation's program to ensure its continuation.

The Dizinger Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization and all purchases from the art collection are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

SUNDAYS



Conrad Hechter photo © Soho Design. Available at Lobo.

MINE SHAFT BEER BUST

NEW FOR '94
\$1.00 Buy-In
25¢ for Each Refill of
Miller Lite Draft Beer

4pm Extended
until 2am

MINE SHAFT HAPPY HOUR

\$1.75 WELL DRINKS
Frozen Margaritas only \$1.25

4pm until 8pm

\$1.75 LONGNECKS (Domestic)

All Day/All Night

MONTROSE MINING COMPANY

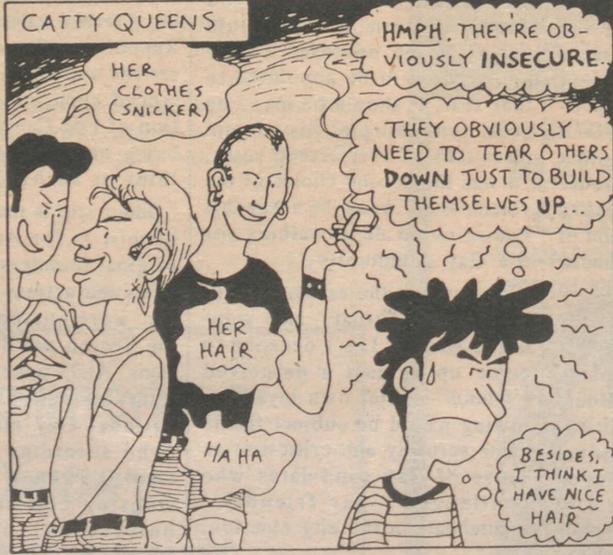
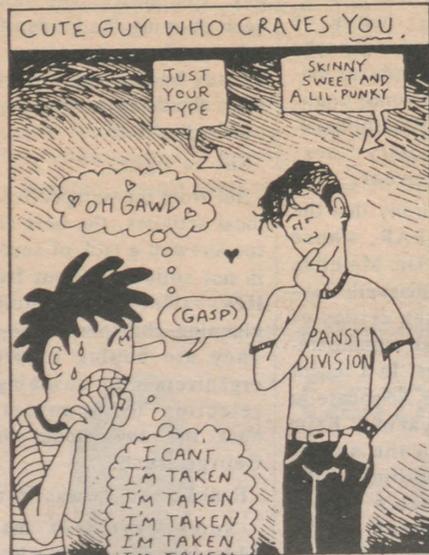
805 Pacific • Montrose • 713-529-7488

HARDCORE DANCERS

From 10pm Male Dancers Hump, Pump and Flex until 2am
Hardcore Dancers... Hardcore Music... Hardcore Men...

CURBSIDE by Robert Kirby

Scary Guys At The Bar
©'93 by Robert Kirby



'Last Call at Maud's' at MFA; Jason Stuart at Rockefeller's; Julius Caesar opens at Main Street Theater

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

By THE HOUSTON VOICE STAFF
"Camille Paglia thinks that lesbians aren't sexual enough. She should get a load of Last call at Maud's."—Matthew Flamm, New York Post.

The Museum of Fine Arts/Houston (1001 Bissonnet) is offering a special treats for lesbians and historians this Friday at 8:00 p.m. (with two repeat shows). One of the featured films in MFA's January film series is a provocative documentary about the life and times of a popular Haight-Ashbury bar that is believed to be the longest-lived lesbian establishment ever.

Some genuinely wild women—and some more demure, but no less lively types—take center stage in Paris Poirer's "Last Call at Maud's." Women who attended last year's Texas Lesbian Conference will find a couple of the cast members very familiar: lesbian historians and self-declared elder spokesdykes Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, who were keynote speakers at the conference. The principal cast also includes lesbian sex lecturer JoAnn Loulann, who has made appearances here.

Maud's is painted by the film makers as sort of a lesbian "Cheers"—where everybody knows everybody else's name and events of the world outside are filtered through the abstracts of conversation in a sheltered, if vulnerable, friendly environment. The venerable San Francisco hangout opened in 1966, when homosexuality was still very much in the closet, and flourished through 70's and 80's. It shut down in 1988, a victim of the post-AIDS clean and sober ethic. In between, the film shares many provocative stories of coming out, sexual politics and softball, along with flashbacks to the Hollywood gay bars of the 40's and vice raids of the 50's.

MFA films are shown in Brown Auditorium. Dates and times for Last Call at Maud's are Jan. 14, 21 and 28, 8:00 p.m. For more information, call MFA at 639-7515 or 639-7530.

Jason Stuart

Hollywood actor/comedian Jason Stuart, who made waves earlier this year with his stellar "coming out" appearance on the "Geraldo" show, continues to be one of America's rising, young new talents, selling out shows coast to coast. Stuart will present his show at Rockefeller's, 3670 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas, (713) 861-9363, on Feb. 9, 1994.

Stuart enjoyed a banner year in 1993, with acting roles on "Murder She Wrote" as well as the new hit NBC TV series, "The John Larroquette Show." He was also interviewed on National Coming Out Day on CNBC's "Real Personal" show in October, 1993, and was seen on A&E's "Evening At The Improv" in November.

In addition to his booming acting career, Stuart's new way out comedy will be seen live at Cobb's in San Francisco for the Jan. 22, 1994, taping of A&E's "Comedy On The Road."

Stuart has enjoyed a stand up career on the national comedy club circuit for ten years. However, it was not until this past June that he chose to be open about who he was...a gay man. His courageous decision has lead to profiles and commentaries in The Los Angeles Times, the Houston Post & Chronicle, Genre, TWIT and The Advocate, among others. Stuart hopes his decision will allow others to be open and honest about who they are.

"If I reach just one young gay or lesbian kid out there who feels all alone, then, maybe, I can show that it's okay to be who you are," said Stuart.

In addition to his constant touring and comedy appearances, Stuart is recording a new dance record entitled "I'm

Out," set for a March, 1994 release.

Julius Caesar

Main Street Theater's production of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar will open Thursday, Jan. 13, for a six-week run on the theater's intimate state at 2540 Times Boulevard. Directed by long time MST company member Steve Garfunkel, the production will feature abstract contemporary settings by Houston artist and sculptor Don Redman. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 4:00 p.m. Sundays, through Feb. 20.

Using Redman's stark, dynamic sculpture as a springboard, director Garfunkel has removed Julius Caesar from any strict historical period to give the audience a fresh relationship with the play. "Many people only have the memory of being forced to read the play in high school or have seen it produced in film versions made decades ago stage versions that feel more like a historical treatise than a living work that relates to our own experience," he says. "Yet the language of Julius Caesar, much like that of Hamlet, is so rich and has been so thoroughly incorporated into our common speech that is probably Shakespeare's most accessible play, in spite of the unfamiliar names and customs."

He continues, "Here is a play clearly and simply about the dark side of human nature and the dangers of succumbing to the seduction of power and ambition. It could illuminate any historical period one chose to set it in; what makes the play so immediate for us today is the degree of involvement and responsibility of the public in the events which unfold. The ability of the public to be swayed by the demagogue is the greatest threat to any republic, be it Roman, Soviet or American."

"The fact is, this is a play about our

political life," says MST Artistic Director Rebecca Greene Uden. "The challenge we gave Steve was to present the immediacy of the play without limiting it to a specific moment. He brought in Don Redman, whose strong, uncompromising, very political sculpture gives just the right setting. The production will have a highly energetic, stripped-down quality to it, much like our production of Hamlet several seasons ago."

Don Redman is a Texas artist and sculptor whose work has been exhibited throughout the Southwest, California and Mexico. He has studied with Salvatore Scarpitta in New York, Davis Folkman and James Surls in Houston, and Luis Jimenez in New Mexico, and has received numerous awards and commissions, including a recent commission for a work for the Corpus Christi International Airport as well as study grants from Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Diverse Works, Inc., and San Francisco Art Institute. He also works with Houston area schools through Young Audiences of Houston.

The production features Marcos Mena in the title role, Randal Kent Doerner as Cassius, and MST company members Freeman Williams and Rodney Walsworth as Brutus and Marc Antony. Maurice Tuttle will play Octavius, with Erica K. Garrison as Portia and Heather Lynne Raffo as Calpurnia. Playing multiple roles, the rest of the ensemble includes Melinda deKay, Todd E. Jordan, Christopher McDowell, Orvis A. Melvin, Lisa Morrison, Mark Roberts, Marcos Rodriguez, Tom Stell, and Mike Tuchin. Lighting design is by Debs Ramser and Susan Diane Koontz, and costumes are by Rebecca Greene Uden.

Tickets for the production are \$10 to \$15, with student, senior citizen and group rates available. Tickets may be purchased at the box office in person or by calling (713) 524-6706.

▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF



CRAIG T. "BOSCO" HULL

Craig T. "Bosco" Hull, 42, died Christmas day, 1993. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 8, 1994 at Santana Funeral Home, 5352 Katy Freeway.

Bosco is survived by his father and step-mother Jack Ben Hull, mother; Frances Coughlin and sister; Linda Woerz. He will be especially missed by T.R. White, John Litzinger and all of his extended family.

BILL CLAIRE FAMILY MORTUARY
 Private Cremation
 \$395 Complete
 Care and Concern for the Family
 • Complete Funeral • Pre-Arranged Services
 • In-Home Services • Pre-Need Insurance
 • All Insurance Policies Honored
522-9030
 2603 Southmore • Houston • 77004

Gay and Lesbian Catholics & Friends meet for Mass Saturdays at 7:30 pm

Dignity HOUSTON

1307 YALE, SUITE H
 (713) 880-2872
 Todos bien venidos! B.B.S. 988-8217

Independent Byzantine Catholic Church
 An Independent Apostolic Community
Oratory of the Nativity of Jesus
 713-880-4915

Divine Liturgy:
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
 Eve of Holy Days, 7:30 p.m.
 (except Sat. & Sun.)
 Holy Days, 7:00 a.m.
 (except Sunday)

Healing Service/Liturgy:
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Spiritual Direction, Counseling, Emotional Support & Healing, and Sacraments are available by appointment.

Kingdom Community Church
 COME EXPLORE HIS KINGDOM
 Sunday Worship Service 11am
 614 East 19th Houston 713/862-7533
 713/748-6251

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH
 501 E. 18th at Columbia • Houston, Texas

Services:

Sun. • 11:00 A.M.
PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sun. • 7:00 P.M.
EVENING SERVICE

Thurs • 7:30 P.M.
MIDWEEK SERVICE

Pastor - Chris Chiles
 (713) 880-9235
 "A Church Built On Love"

Houston Mission Church
One In The Bond Of Love

1505 Nevada AT COMMONWEALTH
 529-8225
 Worship Services Sunday 10:30am
 Rev. Robert Carter

Maranatha FELLOWSHIP
 Metropolitan Community Church
 PRAISING • TEACHING ENCOURAGING

SUNDAY 10am
 Reverend Janet Parker

January 9
 SPIRITUAL GIFTS:
 KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, TEACHER

Holiday Inn West Loop
 3131 W. Loop South
 (Opposite Transco Tower)
 P.O. Box 667032 • Houston 77266-7032
528-6756

APC

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
 Rev. Elder John Gill, Pastor
 Rev. Carolyn Mobley, Asst. Pastor
1919 Decatur, 861-9149
 OFF WASHINGTON & SILVER

Sunday, Jan. 23rd
 Monday, Jan. 24th
WINTER SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Worship Services: Sunday, 8:30am, 10:45am & 6:00pm
 Wednesday: 7:00pm

COME OUT AND SING!

Join GMCH as our 15th season continues...
 Open rehearsals resume Thursday, January 6, 1994, 7-10 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh.
 No experience is necessary, but you must be able to carry a tune.
 For more information, call (713) 522-7626 or (713) 984-9683.

GAY MEN'S CHORUS of HOUSTON
We're building bridges.

This project is supported, in part, by a grant from the City of Houston through the Cultural Arts Council. 12/93

ASK THE PASTOR

Rev. Janet Parker

Q: "Why doesn't God heal everyone? What is required to be healed by God? Why are some people healed and others are not? Why don't we see miracles today as in Jesus' day?"

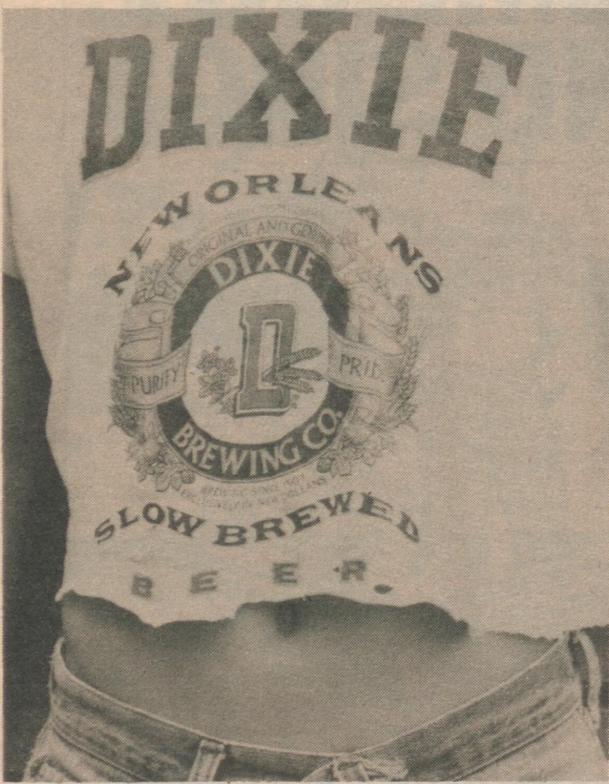
A: Healing is a gift from God. It is actually a promise of God.

In the book of Psalms we find in Psalm 103:3 that one of the many benefits of belonging to God's family is the healing of all of my diseases. That's a very powerful statement. That's a very powerful claim. Healing occurs sometimes by God just sovereignly moving and touching a person's life. Healing can occur when another has faith to believe for the healing of that person.

Healing can also occur so that people will be exposed to the power of God and come to a level of faith in Christ Jesus that would lead to their salvation. Healing seems to be demonstrated as an act of God that causes people to take note of who God is. One of the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the Body of Christ, the Church, is the gift of healing. This is the special ability that God gives to members of the Body of Christ to pray for people's healing with miraculous intervention by the Holy Spirit demonstrated in the actual healing occurring. There have been many "faith healers" in our day raising a lot of skepticism about God's ability to heal. There is no doubt that God can and does heal. The question remains: "Why is not everyone healed?" The insight that has been given to me tells me that God moves as God's wisdom dictates. Only God knows what healing will accomplish and when it will be most beneficial for all concerned. The Apostle Paul knew that his infirmity was given to keep him from becoming prideful. It is very difficult for all of us to accept sickness and disease as being instrumental in leading us to God. We are used to quick results and want a remedy right away. Just as Job was plagued with all kinds of disease and tragedy, the trials of his life brought him to a greater understanding of who God is and what God can do. Job walked away from his tragedies completely illuminated in his spirit. If we could only trust God in every situation in which we find ourselves. We should first seek God's Word, the Bible, for examination of our lives. God can reveal to you whether a healing will take place or not, or whether the healing will be spiritual and not physical. My faith tells me that the question of healing rests not in my understanding, but in God's sovereign wisdom and knowledge for what is best to accomplish God's purposes. In January (21-23) we will be having a Revival and a healing service. I believe that God will be moving by the Holy Spirit through the gift of healing being exercised. Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey has been given this gift. You may want to come and experience God moving in our midst!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM ADDRESSED BY REV. JANET PARKER, PLEASE WRITE TO: MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC, P.O. BOX 667032, HOUSTON, TX 77266-7032

Gay Houston photographer's work reaches national market



Images by a Houston artist infatuated with New Orleans are developing a national audience

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

(Part II in a two part interview with Houston photographer Frank Parsley).

Frank Parsley is a 51 year old Houston-based photographer who has earned himself notation in national gay/lesbian history, circa today, by virtue of his exquisite homo-erotic photography. His work is best known through the eye-popping ice-box magnets marketed under the trade-

mark "Refrigerator Art."

Parsley's icebox magnets are popular in stores from coast to coast. His prints are marketed by Jennisen, Michigan's Walt Henry, who operates a national art-wholesale business, little known by the town's 11,000 residents. And the San Antonio-based mail order catalog, Shocking Gray handles six of Parsley's magnets.

His photographs are less than full frontal nudes, and never about the sex act. But even a priest could readily see they are erotic. and, if honest, also see they are charming.

Sculpted bodies of both sexes are the grist for Parsley's mill. Universal in appeal, most of his images originate in New Orleans. "Though I grew up and live today in Houston."

His family operates Parsley Photography Studio, in Houston's "The Heights." Parsley's father opened the business the year Frank was born. "I have worked for my family and use their dark room, but studio work is not for me."

Parsley was infatuated with New Orleans from boyhood. "I spend as much time in New Orleans as I can, especially at Carnival time."

During the recent Mardi Gras, Parsley spotted a young woman in a black leather brassier. He captured her image. Such sexy stuff is typical of Parsley's work.

"More of my images are male than female," Parsley agrees. "We interpret what we see and I'm more quickly drawn to male bodies."

"I have a lot of women ask me about that, because I don't have a lot of women's photographs in my collection. It's mainly because, in the gay areas, they are not as much exhibitionist as the men are."

LEJ: "We write—and photograph—what we know. My world, for so long, was about hustlers and the Sea; that is by far the thing I photograph the best. An artist must comment on that which they know."

FP: "Well, that's right; I'd always taken pictures for myself. It was an effort for me to look for pictures of women at the last Mardi Gras. But I did it."

LEJ: "And well, at least with the black brassier shot. I'd forgotten till now, I tried something similar in a series called 'The Sea.' I exhibited it a lot, and at one point I thought I should put some women in it, but those photographs are not as successful. It was not an area I understood as well."

FP: "You photograph what you like, and what's pleasing to your eye, and what you view as artistic. That's what I do. I guess that's why I've hated doing portraits, the mainstay of my family's studio."

"I started working for my father at age eleven. I worked Summers and after school. When I got my drivers licenses—you get at fourteen in Texas—I drove delivery for them. I grew up in the studio, we are

the same age. I just turned fifty-one."

Parsley's shoulders shrug, but his face grimaces as he says, "It doesn't really make any difference, I guess. It's just something you don't have any choice about, that's all."

LEJ: "Let me share this, I just turned fifty and it was very traumatic. My crisis was tied up in all of the biggies. I lost a boyhood friend to AIDS, I turned fifty, and it was Autumn, and a beautiful youth rejected my advances."

FP: "Layer upon layer is sometimes more than anyone can bear. I know what you mean. I went through basically the same kind of thing, in 1989 when R. died. We had a relationship that was family. He was so beautiful, incredibly troubled but so beautiful. A fourth generation alcoholic."

LEJ: "Perhaps your art was nurtured by the pain."

FP: "I hate that idea!"

LEJ: "I do too."



Sculpted bodies of both sexes are among Parsley's favorite photo subjects

FREE Zovirax

For Treatment and Prevention of

★★ GENITAL HERPES ★★
(New Study: Free Suppression Medicine for 1+ Years in HIV+)

★★ SHINGLES ★★
(Less Than 72 Hours)

If you have any of these conditions, you may be eligible for FREE treatment and compensated for your participation on completion of study.

For more information call:
The University of Texas Medical Branch
Center for Clinical Studies
(HOUSTON)

UTMB

333-2288

Melissa Mejia

PROMOTIONAL

PHOTOGRAPHY



Katherine York

MISS CAMERON COUNTY USA '94

On the Cutting Edge of Photography

SPECIALIZING IN 8x10 B/W AND COLOR PROMOS.

BEYOND EROTICA.

BEYOND CENSORSHIP.

BEYOND BELIEF.

(210) 797-3729

Rt. 2 Box 64
Ken-La Park
La Feria, TX 78559

(210) 797-2733

Complaints forged changes at Oregon University

By ANDREW WATERS
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

PORTLAND, Ore., Saturday, Jan. 1 (AP)—University of Oregon faculty member Jackie Balzer has a title symbolic of changing times: Coordinator of Educational and Support Services for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns.

The part-time position was created on the 17,000-student Eugene campus last year, as controversy over a statewide anti-gay rights initiative reached the boiling point.

Measure 9 would have forbidden governments or schools from promoting or facilitating homosexuality and would have declared it abnormal and perverse behavior. The measure failed in the November election.

Instead of dividing students, however, the initiative "helped draw our campus together in terms of understanding of diversity issues," Balzer said.

The issue of homosexuality was part of the campus consciousness long before Measure 9.

A confrontational campaign by an openly gay man four years ago drew anti-homosexual protests, even death threats.

"The temperature rose on the campus and people took sides," said the vice provost for student affairs, Jerry Moseley.

As a result, university officials assigned a task force to look into claims by gay students that they were being verbally harassed and physically assaulted.

Of the 105 gay students who responded to the task force's survey, 61 percent said they feared for their safety.

Now a standing committee deals with gay issues. Fraternities and sororities hold tolerance workshops. A committee of faculty, students and staff investigates gay bashing on campus.

"Our particular attempts go beyond what is happening on other campuses," said university president Myles Brand. "I would not say the job's finished, but I believe we're doing quite well."

At Portland State University, a Faculty Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Caucus sprouted out of the Measure 9 debate. Founder Robert Mercer says faculty members are beginning to use the group as a way to "come out."

A gay student group at Portland's 1,200-student Reed College maintains its own library at the campus women's center, said acting president William Haden.

At the 14,000-student Oregon State University in Corvallis, student groups have formed and administrators have set up grievance procedures for targets of gay bashing.

And at tiny Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., a school of 1,500 students, a faculty-student group called Fusion was

formed a couple of years ago to sponsor public discussions about gender identification.

"There was a population on campus never carefully identified," said Dean of Students Dave Hansen, who oversees Fusion. "We know those students experience considerably more roadblocks to success, more difficult problems ... We felt that was a population that needed support."

Last year, 302 people called University of Oregon's Balzer asking for advice or information on gay issues. Most of the calls Balzer referred to a clinical psychologist hired as an expert in gay and lesbian issues.

About 250 students showed up at one get-together Balzer organized for people interested in gay issues. Smaller groups are set up to help freshmen deal with the hostility they still encounter on campus.

Vermont gains as 'gay friendly' vacation spot

By WILSON RING
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

MONTPELIER, Vt., Sunday, Jan. 2 (AP)—A gay ski weekend at one major Vermont mountain—and Vermont's distinction as the only major ski state with a gay rights law—are combining to make the state a "gay friendly" winter vacation spot.

"If you were to choose a ski destination based solely on its politics, Vermont would win with ski poles down," said the December issue of "Out and About," a travel publication for gays and lesbians.

Annual gay weekends have been offered for the last four years at Mt. Snow in West Dover, and following last winter's gay boycott of Colorado over its anti-gay rights referendum, Vermont's popularity among gays might be on the rise.

"In terms of special groups, such as gays and lesbians, Vermont has a special appeal," said Andrew Silver, spok-

espersion for the southern Vermont ski area. "Vermont has taken on a liberal feel."

Detroit businessperson John Cavallaro began organizing the Mt. Snow weekends as a cheaper alternative to skiing in the West. Now he has another angle.

"I decided to be a little bit more aggressive because of Amendment 2," said Cavallaro, referring to Colorado's anti-gay rights measure.

Tom Meyer of the Vermont Ski Areas Association shrugged off the suggestion that some of Mt. Snow's more conservative customers might be scared off.

"Not in this day and age. When you are close to any major metropolitan area, the education and acceptance level has increased," Meyer said.

The Vermont Legislature passed a gay rights law in 1992 and many businesses in the state embrace the label "gay friendly."

"Vermont is a gay-friendly state—more so than New Hampshire or Maine. Gay people can feel somewhat comfortable traveling in Vermont," said Richard Pugliese, proprietor of the Fitch Hill Inn, near the Stowe ski resort.

The search by "Out and About" for a friendly place for homosexuals and lesbians to take a ski vacation was partially a response to last year's passage in Colorado of a referendum that forbade the enactment of any local law that protected the civil rights of homosexuals. A state court declared the law unconstitutional, but the state planned an appeal.

Before the referendum, the nation's premier ski event for gays and lesbians was a week every winter at Aspen, Colo., said Billy Kolber, the editor of "Out and About." Then the gay travel boycott began, and that was out.

"In the meantime four or five other ski

weeks have spontaneously generated, many of which are promoting themselves as more politically correct than Colorado. We thought that was a bit misleading," Kolber said.

"If you really want to be politically correct forget Colorado and Utah, come to Vermont," Kolber said, because Vermont is the only major ski state with a gay rights law, passed in 1992.

Cavallaro, who runs a company called Eclectic Excursions, said most of his customers for the Mt. Snow weekend come from New York and Boston, but he has gotten inquiries from all over the East.

He expects about 100 people for this year's event, scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27.

"The feeling that I got at Mt. Snow was that we were very welcome there," Cavallaro said. "They welcomed our business, our group and I felt welcomed as an individual."

★ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1994** ★

SPECIAL SHOW

A GALA EXTRAVAGANZA
IN REMEMBRANCE
OF OUR SPECIAL FRIEND
MATT

A SHOW JUST THE WAY HE WOULD LIKE

Show Starts At 7:00 P.M. 'til

Pst! E/J's is getting a Convertible Bar!

Doesn't that mean the top goes down?

No! Not the top, but the owner does!

FRI

POOL TOURNAMENT at 8:00 PM with Cash Prizes

STRIP CONTEST at 11:00 PM with PAUL

2517 Ralph Street at Westheimer
(713) 527-9071

- Happy Hour 7am-9pm weekdays
- \$1.50 Well 4-7 Saturday
- \$1.50 Vodka 7am-6pm
- Mug Club 7am-10pm
- \$3.75 Pitchers & \$1.25 Mugs

MON

MALE STRIP CONTEST at 10:30 PM with B.J. WILLIAMS

SAT

"ALL NEW" SUPER SATURDAY Starring Brittany Paige with guests MISS TRACEY NAOMI WARWICK NewComer of the Year LADY SHAMU Show at 11:00 PM Next Week: THE 50's FRENZY

DART TOURNAMENT Every Saturday at 7:00 PM

TUE

TALENT NIGHT at 10:30 PM with SIVI ROSS

WED

KARAOKE NIGHT at 8:00 PM with Bill Sansom

— Next Week —
A FIFTY'S FRENZY
See Our Ad For Details

Trucker by the toe?; Houston Voice moves; New Year's Eve party



Catia, New Year's night wows E/J's patrons



Midtowne Spa's New Years Party was a hit!



Hans of RD Foundation & friend ring in the New Year!

HOUSTON SOAP PART 1

By TAD NELSON
HELLO HOUSTON!

How was your New Year's? The Trucker and I had a pretty good time except that when the New Year rang in the Trucker had to ring out for a tow. Seems the designated driver didn't know how to drive an 18 wheeler. Sorry! But I've played in the rig...never driven it.

The funniest part of the whole thing was that when the guards at the Warwick told him to call Dial-A-Tow, he thought it was a foot fetish 900 number and was ready to talk dirty...feet that is. Imagine the surprise of the operator at the other end of the line when a slightly shi-fozzed truck driver asks her about her manly feet and if she had any recently deposited axle grease between her toes?

Well I realized in no time flat what had transpired on the phone and snatched (sorry gurlhs, but that is a real word) that receiver right out of his paws and explained that there was a misunderstanding at hand and could she please send a tow (not toe) truck large enough to accommodate or 18

wheel rig as we were stranded at the Warwick Hotel.

Before the click registered in my ear, I heard riotous laughter amid the obscene comments coming from the ear piece of Ma Bell's equipment. I didn't think telephone operators were allowed to say such things on the line without the consent of a field supervisor.

Well Dial-A-Tow didn't help us after all, but with the aid of my trusty cellular phone which has it's own emergency road service, I managed to find someone to tow the rig back to our house on an early New Year's morning.

You know what? We are getting obscene phone calls from an unidentified female on our line now. And she's asking us to do some of the most awful sounding things. Who would have thought women had that many sets of lips any way? My male friends only have one pair. One of which we all know is covered by a moustache only to hide the stretch marks. This girl must have been from Africa though, because she talked about Libya a lot. Come to think of it, that seems rather odd...she didn't really sound African on the phone. Go figure!

NOW ON WITH SOAP....

FLASH! If you aren't aware yet. Houston Voice is moving into new office space at 811 Westheimer. We will be in our new offices beginning Monday January 10. That's 811 Westheimer, Suite 105. You're probably familiar with the building across from the Plant House and the Police Sub Station, so come in and see us soon. Our phone number and FAX numbers are still the same and can be found listed in this issue. We are excited about our changes—I hope you are, too!

Hey you Miss Camp fans. Here is some late news just sent in from Perrie

Dolph of MCA PR. Don't ask me the states that these beautiful gurlhs represent in the pageant, but their representatives for next years Miss Camp America Pageant which will be held again on September 17th 1994 at the Cullen Performance Hall of the University of Houston are: Bob Oliphant, Glen Barley, Bob Ferfill, Gio Sedita, Weldon Hickey, Ray West, Phillip Haynes, Al Critz, Danny McKinney and Del Fullen. The pagents keep getting better—hope to see each of you at this years extravaganza. (See picture in this issue)

VIVA LAS VEGAS was a big hit on New Year's Eve. The star studded event was fun for all. Even Elvis made an appearance at midnight. CLUB HEDONISM and RICH'S plan to bring you the best in entertainment and men this Spring. Ask for a mailing list card so you know what's happening. Club Hedonism—fierce music, hip entertainment and intense people.

Hey people, if you weren't at the NEW YEAR'S PARTY held at the WARWICK HOTEL this past Friday night, I hope you had as good a time as we did. The hotel was gorgeous, the people were beautiful, the music was great and everyone was having fun. I saw more men in penguin suits that night than you could shake your stick at. And the women in beautiful gowns—whoa! I didn't know that my lesbi-friends could clean up so well. NICKI and DALE were there in black beads and sequins, of course. And our friend from K-101, TRAFFIC MASTER LANNEY GRIFFITH was there with his beautiful wife DEBBIE and their precious one year old daughter. If you don't listen to Lanney on the radio in the mornings, you should. I got more one lines and great jokes from him that night, than I have in months. Houston Voice's new landlord BOB RYAN was there also with his other half, DIRK. Don't forget to take the Doc's advice Dirk. The minute Bob starts having signs of heart trouble—remember—it aml on the jock strap over the head. Works every time! At midnight, everyone stopped singing "STAND BY YOUR MAN" a tribute to the ailing TAMMY WYNETTE for the New Year's countdown. And at midnight the shoulder to shoulder crowd broke into a frenzy. Shortly afterwards a beautiful breakfast buffet was set out to help sober up the revelers and get them on their way. (It didn't work for the Trucker—we still had to call Dial-A-Tow.) Bering Care Center and the other agencies and groups involved in pulling off

this first New Year's Eve Gala in the Penthouse Ballroom of the Warwick should be very proud. I would safely say that the event was an overwhelming success! Happy New Year!!!

HEAVEN'S New Year's Even bash was packed with queens of all shapes and sizes. Friday was only the beginning of Heaven's New Year's festivities. On Sunday we found the club was again the place to be. And on the dance floor we spotted the "Boom Boom" Boy himself, PAUL LEKAKIS. Heaven will keep the party going right into the new year with their first FLASHLIGHT PARTY of 1994 on Sunday January 16. Bring your own flashlight and receive discount cover.

The MINE brought in the new year with newly crowned Assistant Manager DAVID SNYDER behind the bar. The patio was as always a hot spot for activity and now with the Sunday Beer Bust extended until 2 am it promises to get even better.

JR's starts off the new year with MAMA CAROL behind the grill every Monday thru Friday and for Happy House on Friday to make you burgers, sandwiches and fries and best of all gossip with mama.

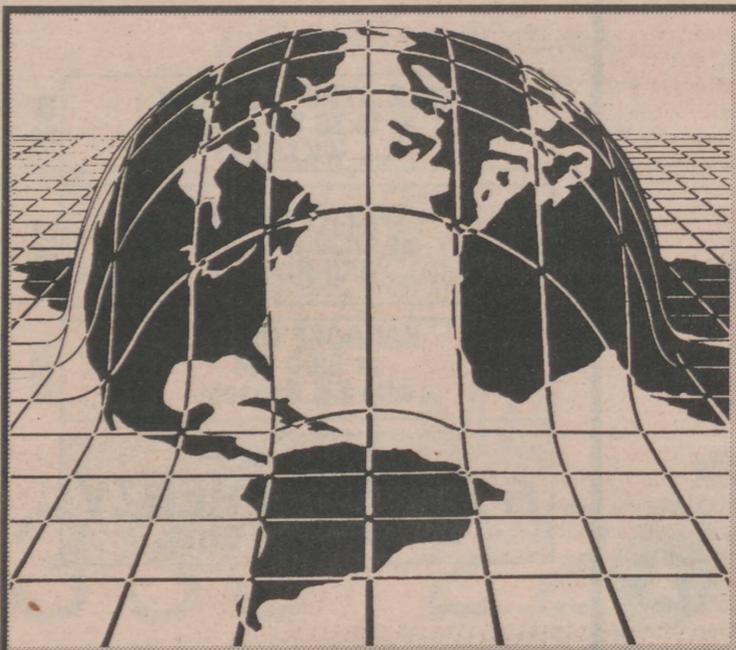
Continues on next page.



Chuck, Danny and Dr. Crad Duren did New Years right!



Miss Camp's newest finalist



COVERING THE WORLD'S GAY AND LESBIAN NEWS

TO REPORT THE NEWS
TO SUBSCRIBE • ADVERTISE

Call

HOUSTON (713) 529-8490
NATIONWIDE (800) 729-8490
FAX (713) 529-9531

HOUSTON VOICE

Minnesota judge temporarily bars benefits for same-sex partners

MINNEAPOLIS, Saturday, Jan. 1 (AP)—Both sides said they're satisfied with a judge's ruling that temporarily blocks a plan to extend health care benefits to partners of gay and lesbian city employees.

The ruling, from Hennepin County District Court Judge Deborah Hedlund, came in a taxpayer suit challenging Minneapolis' domestic partners resolution, which was scheduled to take effect Saturday.

According to Hedlund's order Thursday, same-sex partners still may be reimbursed for their medical expenses under an eight-month-old "premium reimbursement plan," but their premiums will not be prepaid by the city.

A hearing on the suit's request for a full judgment against the domestic partner plan is scheduled for Feb. 8.

Hedlund's temporary restraining order prevents the city from directly paying benefits for same-sex part-

ners without completely nullifying the city's plan or branding it illegal.

"This is a fair resolution," said Jordan Lorence, a lawyer for James A. Lilly of north Minneapolis, who brought the lawsuit. "It maintains the status quo, and enjoins the city from doing what it was going to do."

Lorence has done legal work for conservative Christian and home-school organizations and is working pro bono on Lilly's lawsuit.

Tim Skarda, assistant city attorney, argued that Minneapolis is merely extending benefits to another group of people whom the state recognizes under civil rights legislation.

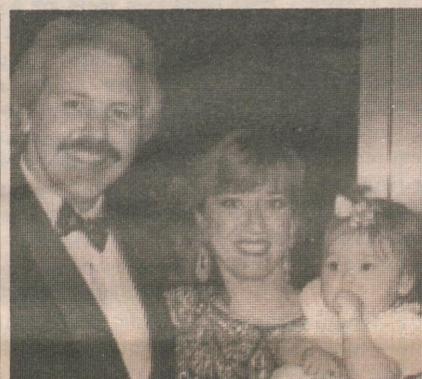
Gay and lesbian activists have called the domestic partnership resolution a major step in their struggle for equal rights. Conservative Christian groups have objected that such arrangements amount to governmental recognition or endorsement of homosexual behavior.



Congrats to Bill Havard!; 15th season for GMCH begins



Texas Renegades enjoy the Magical Mystery Tour



K-101's Lanney Griffith & wife Debbie with their daughter

HOUSTON SOAP PART 2

By TAD NELSON

Continued from previous page.

The CLUB HOUSTON at 2205 Fannin in Houston is now offering a pre summer special for you tanning enthusiasts. Get a TAN CARD SPECIAL for ten sessions regularly \$25 for only \$20.

You know how you hear something sometimes that you can't believe you didn't know about? Well it happened to me and just goes to show you how out of touch one can really be. Boy do I feel stupid! Did you know that BILL HAVARD bought the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM recently? Well congratulations Bill and I'm sorry I never said anything before, but I really didn't know. No wonder I haven't seen MISS CARTER at the BRB recently.

Speaking of the BRB, this Sunday at 4 pm is the TEXAS RENEGADES and RSICSS Candidates ANNUAL "GUMBO COOKOFF" the following the seafood delight is a benefit show at 7 pm presented by CRYSTAL RAE LEE LOVE, Candidate for Empress.



The original Miss Camp herself, Pat Petty was bright (orange jacket) New Year's Eve

Also this Sunday at E/J's is a gala extravaganza in IN REMEMBRANCE OF MATT, a special friend of the patrons of E/J's and they say that just as he would have liked the show will begin promptly at 7 pm and go until the last singer and drag queen drops.

Sundays...enjoy the MONTROSE MINING COMPANY'S "MINE SHAFT BEER BUST" on the patio gets EVEN better. New in 1994 is \$1.00 buy in and a .25 cent refill of Miller Lite Draft Beer with extended hours from 4pm until 2 am. The patio will surely get hotter as the men enjoy Houston's biggest beer bust.

WOLFPACK BRUNCH at MARY's continues to be a big hit so be sure to get there on time to get a seat and some of the great food catered by CARTER & COOLEY DELI. This Sunday's menu includes Juice & Coffee along with 1/2 of a Ruby Red Grapefruit or Cereal, Corned Beef Hash and Eggs, topped off with Toast and Jelly. Who would have thunk that Wolves used jelly?

The MIDTOWNE SPA is having a STONE SOUP SPECIAL. From Monday at 12 am to Thursday at 5 pm you can get 1/2 price rooms and lockers with a 3 item donation to Stone Soup Food Pantry. MARK and the staff invite you to come down for a free tour of the facilities at 100 Fannin in Houston.

Now you can enjoy HARDCORE DANCERS from 10 pm until 2 am each day at the MONTROSE MINING COMPANY. These hot male dancers will hump, and pump and flex the house down in 1994. Hardcore dancers and hardcore music especially for Houston's hardcore men!

Tuesdays and Thursdays are 1/2 price room and locker nights at the CLUB HOUSTON. Have fun for 1/2 the money at the Club that brings you Nautilus, Free Weights, Tanning Beds, Dry Saunas, Steam Baths, Private Dressing Rooms, a Large Sun-deck, Massage Therapy, Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi, Showers, and Video Rooms. Club Houston is your complete entertain-

ment and physical fitness complex.

E/J's has a new hostess for TALENT NIGHT. SIVI ROSS will be doing the honors at you favorite little neighborhood place to party. Go by and say hi to Ed and Jeff and enjoy the talents of Montrose. The show begins at 10:30 pm.

Warm up on Winter Wednesday Nights at GENTRY!...as MISS GAY TEXAS, DYAN MICHAELS emcees the club's Male Strip Contest at 10:30 pm. Super hot contestants and a packed house await you. And speaking of Hot men Gentry's BOY TOY DANCERS now strip, strut and tantalize every night of the week!

Wednesday nights are BUDDY NIGHTS at THE CLUB (Club Houston). from noon to midnight buy a room and get your buddy a free locker. Membership is required. (Six month or 1 day). Damion, can I bring in my Trucker Buddy? And is there room for the 18 wheeler in the parking lot?

My friends at the GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF HOUSTON want to let you know that this is the beginning of their 15th season and open rehearsals resume this Thursday January 6 from 7 to 10 pm at GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH at 2515 Waugh Drive. No experience is necessary, but you must be able to carry a tune. (And read music I'm sure) For more information call (713) 522-7626 or (713) 984-9683.

COMING UP IN HOUSTON.....

January 23rd at the VENTURE-N, McA-dory Housing Program, Milam House, Omega House and Chris Severson invite you to participate in the Second Annual WINTER CARNIVAL. (This will be an indoor carnival) For further info on this event or to reserve space call Chris at 526-4392.

February 11th -13th SOUTHERN COUNTRY will present "SWEETHEARTS IN TEXAS". The annual event is scheduled to take place at the Holiday Inn Houston at I-10 West and Silber. For hotel reservations call 688-2221. More info to follow as released.

MR PRIME CHOICE has some new dates which are February 25, 26 & 27 at the RIPCORDER. For those of you who don't know, Mr. Prime Choice is a contest for men 40 and over. Our own DON DOWDEN is a past winner!

ATTENTION! Surely you noticed last weeks Houston Voice Blue Pages and possibly this weeks, too? Well if you didn't, it is to be a weekly addition to our paper. This section will enable the reader to pull out those "nasty ads and personals" and take them to the bathroom and peruse the pages, yet, still have a great editorial section for the coffee table that may not offend too many visitors to your home.



Lovely ladies enjoy New Year's at the Warwick

Anyway, what I'm getting at is that we are interested in featuring erotic art and photos on the front cover of this particular section and any submissions or inquiries can be made to Houston Voice Publisher, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, Texas, 77006. If you want your submissions returned to you, please enclose a self address, stamped mailing envelope otherwise they become the property of Houston Voice. All submissions should be non-copyrighted material. And if photos are included, the name and number of the model must be included so that we may check with them for prior consent to run their photo. Professional photographers and artists as well as galleries are welcome, too! We would like art from both men and women as well.

This weeks contribution to our Blue Pages is from bar owner/sometimes photographer (and a good one at that) JAY ALLEN of PACIFIC STREET. This particular Hunky model is Mike of Florida. Thanks Jay for the great picture!

Bye for now!



Nicki & Dale were out this New Year's

Pet Patrol kicks off 1994 with pet food drive, new president



Rudy helps a Pet Patrol volunteer prepare for food delivery

ORGANIZATIONS

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

To illustrate the role of The Pet Patrol, Torie Williams, one of the founders of the now nearly seven year old Houston organization likes to tell the "personal" stories of some of the group's four-legged friends. The stories, also included in most of the group's promotional material, are moving. "When my owner died, the landlady thought she could get AIDS from me...she asked a neighbor to take me to a veterinarian and have me put to sleep," begins one bio in a Pet Patrol flyer. "Luckily the neighbor knew better and didn't do this, but he didn't want me either. So I got kicked out of the apartment.

"For two weeks I would sneak

over and sleep on the doorstep hoping my owner would come home. The neighbor would bring me food and water, but the landlady was afraid of me and would chase me away. Then somebody called The Pet Patrol." The story ends happily, with volunteers interceding and caring for the dog, whose owner had passed away, until another home for the pet can be found. The story, says Williams, is true, although the photo accompanying it in the flyer is of her own dog, Rudy, not the animal described in the passage. The pet patrol does not use its charges' real names with their photographs to protect the owner/client's confidentiality, except when given a release by the owner to do so. "People can sometimes be identified through their pets' pictures," she explained.

The Pet Patrol is a non-profit organization whose volunteers help people with AIDS care for their pets, and find homes for pets whose owners can no longer care for them. The organization provides such services as foster care, referrals to veterinary care, spaying and neutering, flea control and delivery of food and supplies.

The organization gets most of its funding through private foundations and organizations, including the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA), Miss Camp America Inc., and the Pre-Parade Party. The group also hosts fundraisers of its own in cooperation with other area groups and businesses. Among these, the Patrol hosted a successful "Dip Days" program for the first time in 1993, which it hopes to repeat in May of this year, Hunter said. Volunteers provided flea dips for dogs, free to clients and in exchange for a small donation for to others, in the parking lot of Basic Brothers, an apparel shop on the Westheimer strip.

For job-related reasons, Williams, recently stepped down from her long time leadership of the Patrol. The group recently elected a new president, Patrick O'Neill, and hopes to expand its services and outreach, according to Teddy Hunter, who co-chairs the organization's 1994 pet food drive, which kicked off this week.

The new food drive involves the cooperation of local gay and lesbian bars and businesses, said Hunter. The Patrol plans to place a large red barrel in a different establishment each month of 1994 as a collection site for canned and dry dog food or cat food, and cat litter. Patrons of the bars can make donations at the barrels, and at the end of the year Pet Patrol volunteers will provide a party at

the location which brings in the most food, Hunter said.

"We started at the Red Room for January, and already, we've taken in about 125 pounds of food," he said.

The group is hoping the drive will make a dent in its load of approximately 900 pounds of food needed for distribution to current client pets each month. The Pet Patrol, which started as "a handful of friends" providing foster homes and care assistance for pets, now has about 160 volunteers and desperately needs more, Hunter said.

"The food delivery program is one that I think has grown fastest over the years," he said. The Patrol's periodic pet vaccination clinics are also expanding, he said.

Though the programs are growing, mostly through "word-of-mouth" referrals from friend to friend, donations and volunteering have not kept pace and many in the community are still unfamiliar with the group and its services, Hunter said. "A lot of people have heard of us but don't really know what we do, and then there are a lot of people who've never even heard of us," he said. "We definitely need new community volunteers, especially to help package and deliver food, also office help with mailing, and updating our client data base." Food packaging and deliveries are set up one day a month, on the third Thursday and Saturday respectively, Hunter said.

Sixteen local veterinarians provide discounted services for Pet Patrol clients, and there are also several groomers who provide free grooming, and boarding for pets in emergencies, Hunter said. The group's board

of directors includes veterinarians and others with professional experience in animal care.

Volunteers provide in-home assistance (such as dog-walking and grooming) for pet owners who are ill or recovering from illness and foster care for pets whose owners are hospitalized, Hunter said. Often, the volunteers are able to arrange for pets to visit their owners in the hospital, he said.

Although the Patrol tries to keep pets and their owners together as long as possible, said Hunter, volunteers often are left with the task of finding homes for their clients' pets. The task was easy with Michael, the grey tabby cat that Hunter and his partner Don Welch, also a Pet Patrol volunteer, adopted five years ago; and Rudy, who also was a Pet Patrol charge in the group's early days.

Often, however, it is more difficult, and clients sometimes charge their pets' caretakers with specific requests. "Right now, we have two older dogs we're trying to place together," said Hunter. "These dogs have been together all their lives and they need to stay together if possible."



"Sissy" found a permanent home with the Patrol's help

Montrose Clinic seeks logo; churches, spiritual groups schedule activities

In conjunction with the renovation of its new facilities at 215 Westheimer, the Montrose Clinic is looking for a corporate logo that will symbolize its various programs and goals. The Clinic is offering a \$250 to the individual who submits the design that its board of trustees adopts as the corporate symbol. The competition is open to everyone; artwork must be in its final presentation format to be considered.

The logo will appear on all letterhead and business cards and will serve as a unifying symbol of all of the services the Clinic provides, said Ralph Lasher, executive director. "We have never had a symbol that identified and tied the 14 programs that we provide together. Some people don't know who we are or who provides the services they receive," he explained.

The mission of the Montrose Clinic, a non-profit corporation, is to provide health research, education, prevention, treatment, and service programs concerned with sexually transmitted diseases and sexual behavior. Services include anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling, STD testing, HIV case management, deaf and hearing impaired outreach, "Next Step" programs for those with HIV disease, women's health program, a low cost pharmacy, and various education program outreaches.

Deadline for submission of the logo art-

work is Jan. 31. All artwork must be submitted in final form to: Corporate Logo Contest, Montrose Clinic, P.O. Box 66308, Houston, Tx. 77266-6308. For more information, contact Reed Hunsdorfer, development director, at the above address or at (713) 520-2080.

MCCR donations

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, continuing a tradition, made contributions to the Colt 45's through the Lady Victoria Lust's PWA Christmas Fund and to the 6th Ward Neighborhood Association. The congregation took up special "Love Offerings" for the gifts.

A check for \$200 was given to the Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association for the purchase of food and turkeys for needy families in the neighborhood.

At a presentation at the Brazos River Bottom, Lady Victoria Lust was presented a check for almost \$1,600 to go to their annual project of giving PWA's money for Christmas.

MCCR continues to be involved in the community by way of monetary donations, volunteering its services, people-power and support to the Gay/Lesbian community, Houston at-large and the Old Sixth Ward, where MCCR is located. For more information about outreach programs, services available to the community or church service times

call MCCR at (713) 861-9149.

Spiritual Renewal

The Rev. Frankye White, pastor of Saint Luke's MCC of Jacksonville, Florida will be the special guest and speaker the weekend of Saturday, Jan. 22 through Monday, Jan. 24 at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR). Rev. White began her ministry at MCC Fort Lauderdale, Florida while MCCR's Reverend John Gill was pastor there and served as his assistant pastor for a few years.

Rev. White continued her career in the ministry of MCC by serving as the district coordinator of the South East District, which is comprised of the entire state of Florida. Her next move was to the pastorate of MCC Jacksonville, where she has built a strong and vital ministry. Plan to get a spiritually-focused start to the New Year by attending MCCR's Winter Spiritual Renewal. For more information, call the Church at (713) 861-9149.

Empowerment for Living

Also at MCCR, Dr. Crad Duren is the scheduled guest speaker Tuesday evening, Jan. 11 at the weekly meeting of Empowerment for Living. Dr. Duren has a private practice specializing in internal medicine, including HIV/AIDS diagnostics. The meeting begins with a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by

the program at 7:15.

Empowerment for Living, a Christian support group for all people "infected or affected" by the HIV virus, has been meeting at MCCR for over five years. The meetings are held each Tuesday night at the church, 1919 Decatur. Future speakers include nutritionist Richard Elbein on Jan. 18 and Attorney Michael Garrett on Jan. 25.

For more information, contact Rev. Ralph Lasher or Rev. Johnny Peden through the MCCR church office at 861-9149.

Radical Faeries

The Austin Radical Faeries, offering an alternative to mainstream spirituality, now have a Faerie Fonline. Through a voice mail box at 370-4708, people can find out about Faerie events through a regularly updated message and leave requests for more information. To provide a face to the Faerie network in Austin, circles will be held regularly at the Grassroots Peace Building (227 Congress Avenue) at the southeast corner of Congress Avenue and 3rd Street; the meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In the spirit of Faerie circles, the meetings will have, at best, a loose agenda and no leaders. Ideas for gatherings, rituals, and other get-togethers will be encouraged at these meetings.

WARRYS

...naturally!



EVERY SUNDAY
Open at 10 AM for
BRUNCH By The WOLFPACK
And Happy Hour from
10 AM TILL 2 PM

ALL SHOTS OF CUERVO
Tuesdays • \$2.00

HUMP DAY WEDNESDAY
Happy Hour • All Day...All Night

SLOP SHOT POOL TOURNEY
Thursdays with Roger • Slop Shot Rules Only

AFTER HOURS
Friday & Saturday Nights



HAPPY HOURS

Morning 7am-1pm • Afternoon 5pm-9pm • Saturday 7am-7pm

1022 WESTHEIMER • HOUSTON • (713) 527-9669

The Texas Puzzle solution
c.1993 GULF FEATURES, Puzzle TXS55
JFD
MDI
ORES
RSCRAPES
ANTS POLL
LEAARIOT
ABBESOTOPIC
ASMEETWATERE
DCATHRSE
A COMPAD
GAINS
LS
CAA
FS
Initialled names: J. Frank Doble,
John D. Rockefeller, Oscar Wilde,
Chester A. Arthur, Frank Sinatra

CLUB HEDONISM

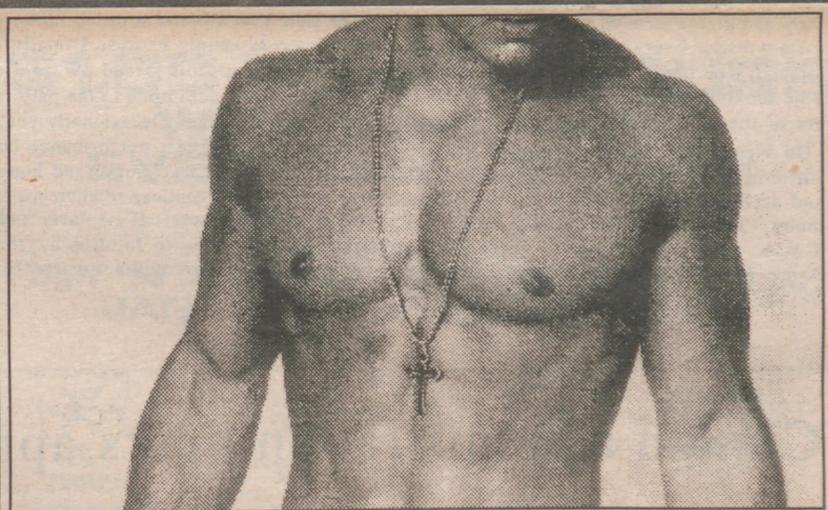
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH
THE PLEASURE CONTINUES IN 1994

CLUB



HEDONISM

FIERCE MUSIC
HIP ENTERTAINMENT
INTENSE PEOPLE
75¢ WELL DRINKS ALL NIGHT
2401 SAN JACINTO / 713.639.5910



SATURDAYS

GETTA CLUE
2401 SAN JACINTO 77002 / 713.759.9606

RCHS

HOUSTON

Farewell to 1993 and Memories; Sassy is back at Miriam's



Lucky and Joe

SAN ANTONIO SOAP

By LEFTY TAYLOR

Houston Voice/San Antonio

It's gone! Kaput. Outta here. And thank God its over with! 1993 went out with a splat. I truly hope that everyone had a better New Year's than I did. I think I yelled at every person I encountered New Year's Day. But I refuse to take my coat being stolen as a sign for 1994. At least I got it back (I saw them steal it) that leather coat is the only thing my mother ever got me that I liked. Hot Chocolate was at the Papermoon Tuesday night. She hasn't changed a bit and she still puts on the best show I've ever seen.

On Wednesday we kissed Memories goodbye. The last night was a blast. But New Year's at Miriam's was even better. They are keeping basically the same layout, but there are some great changes. Now if Yvette passes out, no one will see her. She used to fall out of the DJ booth at Memories. Sassy is back and she has the whole dance floor to entertain you with. Now the strippers and Sassy will be appearing on Thursdays on the show time as at Memories, about 9:00 p.m. Sassy time. Miriam's is open 2:00 p.m. till 2:00 a.m. every day and happy hour is from 2:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Robert and I finally got things straightened out and its good to know only the bad rumors are true. Sparks has Hot Oil Wrestling on Tuesday nights. You can come down early and grease them up (or down) and watch them wrestle. Every night there are dancers for your delectation. Sometimes I get a headache looking back and forth from the dancers to the bartenders. Mike has the best.

On Wednesday, Shady Lady hosts the San Antonio Male Dancers with fifty cent well and draft and \$1.75 longnecks at the Papermoon. Thursday night, Tandi hosts the T.E.A. party with special guest Erica, Ariel, and Vanessa. On Saturday, Sweet Savage host the infamous Muscles in

Action. There's no cover until 11:00 p.m. and after hours. This Sundays Super Show will feature Tommie Ross along with the Sunday regulars Tandi, Pauletta, Sweet Savage and Shady Lady. Coming soon to the Papermoon is the Miss Gay Southwest USA Pageant for 1994. Friday, January 21st. Special entertainers will include Sweet Savage, Victoria West, Coco and Amanda Hall. There will be over \$1,000.00 in cash and prizes awarded. Applications are avail-

Every things back to normal at the 2015. The dancers are still performing on Thursday from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m., on Friday from 6:30 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:30 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. Wednesdays, the Margaritas are \$1.25 and Steak Night is still going strong on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. Its the wildest corner in town and I just heard its probably going to get bigger. There might be a cruise bar added and I heard that there might be an addition to

draft all night long. Steak night starts on Monday sponsored by ARC with \$1.50 longnecks and well and seventy-five cent draft. On Tuesdays you can learn to Country and Western dance from 9:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. with the same drink specials. On Thursdays there are Wild Country dancers from 11:00 p.m. till 2:00 a.m. upstairs and downstairs. There's never a cover at the Wild Country.

Industria is open downtown and has not only the cutest bartenders downtown (sorry Billy at El Jardin, cute wasn't even an adjective when you were born) and have the cleanest and best looking bar on the Riverwalk. These guys from New York have really showed the people around here something about remodeling. Industria is located at 450 Soledad at Convent, two blocks from the bus station.

Jim has a job and no one could be happier than me. That is a good way for him to start the New Year off. You can also watch for the Hardly Girls this season. They have a full schedule starting with their first out of town show in Austin. They will doing a tour to help the MCC Church bring a choir to town. Also there will be a show at Miriam's soon. Hopefully Sassy will appear and guest star for them as she did at the El Jardin. My one New Year's resolution is to try to save a little money. I've lost too much gambling this year and it shore was fun doing it. Already I'm looking forward to my next trip to Biloxi.

This is the end and I would like to wish everyone a great year. I didn't get a snake for Christmas and one of mine died so I'm down to three. That's three snake funerals in the last two months. I'm fragile and can't handle too many more. Chow for now!



Wild Country's New Year's staff

able at the Papermoon. Also coming up is the Papermoon Newcomer of the Year on Tuesday the 25th and there will be a benefit for Nina Monroe on Thursday the 27th. There's something exciting going to happen at the Silver Dollar also, more on that next week.

Nexus puts on the best steak night in town. Those girls put out a buffet line. I showed up with no idea what was going (unprepared with no meat) and one nice girl offered to share hers with me. Thank you, I was starving. And you also wouldn't believe what extras they put out. Guess who's coming back to Nexus later on this month? Dena Kaye. Dena has blessed us here in San Antonio with her presence a couple of times this year and I can't wait to see her again.

The New Year's buffet at the El Jardin was a great success mainly because I finally made a good batch of corn bread. Mine usually used to hold the door open to the patio, but I got it right this time. Occasionally you have seen me make a guest performance behind the bar there this last month and hopefully Leo and Jose will continue to allow me to terrorize Navarro Street. If its early and you haven't got anything to do, drop by, the bloodyds and screws are only a dollar until 3:00 p.m.

the Wild Club. Randy just can't seem to get a project out of his head. Every time I turn around he's got plans for something new and improved. Just as long he doesn't raise the prices as high as Dallas. Jimmy says it cost \$39.50 for just a couple of shots there. It had

to be more than just a couple. But when you travel with Gloria Whole, you have to travel with a breathalyzer and a chauffeur. Dallas is a long way to go for just dinner, you know. Aaron Davis host the best Up and Coming newcomers show on Thursdays.

At the Wild Country, the Sundays are getting wilder. Wienies are served from 4:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. and wienie dancers are displayed on beer boxes from 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. for your viewing and there is twenty-five cent



Curly, Larry and Moe were out for New Year

Clinton administration limits appeal on gays

By JIM ABRAMS
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 31 (AP)—The administration is putting off a showdown on the constitutionality of the military's policy toward homosexuals but asked a federal court to reconsider its ruling in favor of a gay midshipman.

"You have to choose your fights," a senior Defense Department official said of the decision to contest the case of former Naval Academy midshipman Joseph Steffan on more narrow legal grounds.

The Justice Department, on behalf of the Pentagon, filed a petition Thursday for rehearing the Nov. 16 decision of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington. The three-judge court held that the Pentagon's old policy on military service by homosexuals was unconstitutional and ordered that Steffan be granted a diploma from the Naval Academy and be commissioned as a naval officer.

The petition said the judges exceeded their authority by ordering the commission. It said that under the principle of separation

of powers, only the president may appoint, and the Senate confirm, military officers.

The Pentagon expressed "profound disagreement" with the ruling that the old policy was unconstitutional but decided not to seek a rehearing on that aspect because the old policy has now been superseded by new regulations.

The administration, after a year of struggling with Congress and the military over the ban on gays, earlier this month announced details of its "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy that retains the ban on homosexual activity but forbids unwarranted questions about a service member's sexual orientation.

"We have a new policy. That's where the energy should be directed," the Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said in explaining the decision not to pursue the constitutional question now.

One of Steffan's attorneys, Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Defense & Education Fund, said: "We are disappointed by the government's

petty effort to continue denying an outstanding midshipman his commission." He said Lambda, a gay legal rights organization, said he will soon file a court challenge to the new regulations on gays.

David Smith, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, praised the decision to sidestep the constitutional issue but expressed disappointment with President Clinton. During the election campaign, he said, Clinton "made some very clear and articulate statements in regards to this country not having a person to waste. This action is inconsistent with those statements."

Steffan was a model student who in his junior year was selected regimental commander of half his class. In 1987, he confided to a fellow student and to a chaplain that he was homosexual and later acknowledged his sexual orientation to a disciplinary board. He resigned from the academy six weeks before graduation after the board recommended he be dismissed.

Steffan, now 29, is in law school at the University of Connecticut.

Gay Nebraska Army National Guard member quits

OMAHA, Neb., Thursday, Dec. 30 (AP)—Efforts to discharge a gay Nebraska Army National Guard member ended when he quit earlier this month, a Guard spokesperson says.

Sgt. Jeff Gorder of Lincoln voluntarily submitted his resignation, effective Dec. 1, Lt. Col. Joe Johnson said Wednesday.

Gorder served as a part-time clerk in the 105th Personnel Services Company since joining the guard in 1984. He faced discharge proceedings shortly after publicly declaring his homosexuality during a gay-pride rally in Washington, D.C., in April.

Guard officials later dropped the effort after receiving instructions from the Pentagon to stop discharging people for declarations

of homosexuality while court cases were pending.

The discharge effort began again after new advice came from the Pentagon in November indicating that the federal rulings were limited to individual cases.

New regulations, dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," will allow homosexuals to continue serving in the military as long as they do not engage in homosexual acts and keep their sexual orientation a secret.

If a service member were to declare his homosexuality, he would be given the chance to prove that he does not engage in homosexual acts, does not have a propensity to do so and does not intend to do so.

The regulations are to be implemented early next year.



NiteLife U.S.A.

"YOUR PERSONAL CITY GUIDE AND COMPANION"

MONEY CAN'T BUY YOU LOVE,
BUT IT CAN BUY YOU A DATE.

NOW HIRING

TEXAS: SAN ANTONIO (210) 554-5720
AUSTIN (512) 479-9380

FLORIDA: TAMPA BAY - SUN COAST
(813) 852-2500

The following message provided
by:



HOUSTON
2923 MAIN • 522-0000

"The lights are on—
but your not alone;
Your mind is not your own.
Your heart sweats, your body shakes;
Another kiss is what it takes.
You can't sleep, you can't eat;
There's no doubt—you're deep.
Your throat is tight, you can't breathe,
Another kiss is what you need
You like to think that
you're immune to the stuff—
Oh year?
It's closer to the truth
to say you can't get enough—
You know you're gonna have to, face it;
You're addicted to love.

Copyright 1985; Bungalow Music, N.V., administered by Ackee Music.
Words and lyrics by Robert Palmer from the "Riptide" album.

SUNDAY FOOD FEST

(ALA JIM & HAL)

BRUNCH AT 10 AM • FULL BAR AVAILABLE
DINNER AT 5 PM • BBQ & STUFF

EVERY MONDAY • 5PM
SPEGGGGGGGETI NIGHT
ALL YOU CAN EAT • \$2.00

CHRIS' BOOT SHINE PARLOR
OPEN THUR THRU SAT 8 PM • SUNDAY 5 PM

\$1.00 POWER HOURS
WELL/BEER/WINE
EVERY DAY • 5 - 7 PM

Coming Up...
Jan 14 • NLA:H ANNIVERSARY RUN
JAN 23 • WINTER CARNIVAL



BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM Houston

Sunday, January 9

— 4pm —

Texas Renegades &
RSICSS Candidates'

ANNUAL "GUMBO COOKOFF"

— 7pm —

Candidate for Empress X
CRYSTAL RAE LEE LOVE

presents

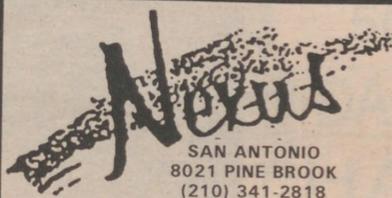
"A VARIETY—BENEFIT SHOW"

Special Guests &
Lots of Surprises

HAPPY NEW YEAR
from the
Staff & Management
of your
Daytime Watering Hole



2400 BRAZOS • (713) 528-9192



AUSTIN
January 29

SAN ANTONIO
End of Month



Lesbian and Gay Voices and ideas needed for show; New Counseling Center starts support group for friends and family

QUICK NOTES

Lesbian and Gay Voices, a radio program produced by local community activists, is seeking others who would like to become volunteer programmers. The program airs on Fridays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on KPFT, 90.1fm and is co-hosted by Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski. Free training is provided by the station. Requirements, according to the co-hosts, include "your interest and commitment."

"We need people who are interested in adding their talents either on the air with special features or as production assistants. Once the training is completed you have the opportunity to become part of this exciting project by participating while the show is on the air of producing features ahead of time," said Valinski.

Bell added, "Right now we need folks who will volunteer to answer phones during the program for the Winter Fund Drive, Jan. 7 through 21. Taking phone pledges during the membership drive is an excellent introduction to volunteering for KPFT. It gives people the chance to meet the volunteer programmers of Lesbian & Gay Voices, see how the station works, and help them decide where they want to put their energy. In fact, it is how I got involved with the station!"

Bell also emphasizes that "This is a community radio station, financed by its listeners. It needs to raise money so that Lesbian and Gay Voices can be heard in Houston. Community involvement, both of the financial and volunteer nature is crucial to publicly supported media."

Lesbian & Gay Voices features interviews with prominent local and National leaders, play/movie/book reviews, and coverage of special events of

interest to Lesbian and Gay people. Portions of the nationally distributed radio magazine program, "This Way Out," from KPFT in Los Angeles, are featured regularly. The music presented by Mary Helen Merzbacher showcases the talents of many Gay and Lesbian artists that receive little air play elsewhere. Donna Garnier, the show's producer extends her gratitude to all the people who have supported the program since its start in March of 1993. She gives special thanks to volunteers Deborah Bell, Jack Valinski, Mary Helen Merzbacher, Suzanne Anderson, Lori Clark, Cindy Freedman, Kyle Hutchins, Judith Meyer, Juan Palomo and Javier Tamez for their participation. Appreciation is also given to KPFT staff members: Annie Crawford, Garland Ganter, Margie Glaser, and

Edmundo Resendez for their support of the program.

Input from community organizations regarding their activities is sought for the weekly community calendar on Lesbian & Gay Voices. Information should be sent in writing and contain all pertinent details. The mailing address is: Lesbian & Gay Voices, KPFT Radio, 419 Lovett Blvd., Houston, Tx 77006. Please call if you would like to volunteer or if you would like for us to feature a representative from your organization on the program. The voice mail number for Lesbian & Gay Voices is (713) 289-2700.

Family And Friends support group

Because life-threatening illness can adversely affect the emotional support of family and

friends of chronically ill persons, New Counseling Center, 3415 Graustark in Houston, is beginning a weekly support group for partners, family, friends and caregivers of persons with HIV disease starting in February.

According to group facilitator, Jim Anderson, LMSW, "Family members, significant others and friends of persons with HIV disease can deny or minimize their own emotional pain while caring for the loved one who is ill. Additionally, the fears caused by a life-threatening illness can cause emotional withdrawal between persons with HIV disease and their caregivers at a time when communication is most essential."

The evening support group will assist family, friends and caregivers in addressing their responses to life-threatening

illness. "We want to facilitate discussion regarding illness," states Anderson, "and help loved ones: realize the changes in relationships; enhance their problem-solving skills, and; reduce feelings of anxiety and fears for the future."

The group will be facilitated by Anderson and student therapist, Harry Livesay. Sliding-scale fees are available, but group enrollment is limited. For additional information, contact the New Counseling Center at (713) 529-1913, voice mailbox number "6."

Skydivers now Tri-Angels

The idea of organizing the world's first gay and lesbian sky-diving team seemed natural to John Grisak. There had to be gays and lesbians who would enjoy the thrill of falling at a rate of 120 miles per hour from an airplane 13,000 feet above the earth's surface. John set out on a campaign to find the thrill seekers that he knew existed, even if only a few. Six months later over 25 lesbians and gay men are taking to the skies creating a community spirit that continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The new team, profiled in last week's Houston Voice, now has a name, "The TriAngels."

This group is a non-profit organization dedicated to breaking stereotypes as well as creating community involvement and having fun. The TriAngels include both gays and lesbians spanning all ages, socioeconomic classes and races. "A real rainbow flag if you will," offers Grisak. The TriAngels are currently looking for sponsors and soliciting donations to raise funds, seeking publicity, and getting the entire community involved in order to achieve its goals.



Miss Camp America Foundation recently elected new officers and board members for 1994. They are: (front row) Ray West, Pat Petty, David Stewart, (back row) Les Armos, Weldon Hickey, Randall Stripling, Mark Brown, Edwin Duran and Perrie Dolph

New magazine is geared to gay and lesbian business owners, trends

Victory! is a new national monthly magazine that targets the rapidly growing gay business scene. The premier issue was released in major cities in the U.S. in December, 1993. Published in Sacramento, California, the magazine's mission is to acknowledge the success of gay entrepreneurs throughout the world as a means to motivate and inspire. Regular departments include topics such as writing a business plan, setting up a home office, finding venture capital, successfully handling homophobia in the mainstream corporate world, and The Business Doctor, providing in-depth answers to readers' questions about running a business successfully.

Other topics include the latest practical business research, information processing technology, popular book reviews, proven business and techniques, professional getaways, national business exposition calendars and professional employment opportunity listings.

In addition to the regular departments, Victory! will routinely focus special issues on a particular business or service. For example, future issues will be devoted to the Travel industry,



Publisher M.J. McKean-Reich's new national mag targets gay business

the Media, Real Estate, and International Business and Finance.

An increasing number of gay people are leaving large corporations to venture out on their own. Each month Victory! will spotlight them with exclusive interviews. Readers will learn the strategies and decisions successful gay entrepreneurs have made to achieve their goals. The premier issue

profiles Cindy Cesnalis, founder of one of the nation's most successful new mail-order companies, Shocking Gray. Future interviews profile Judy Dlugacz of Olivia Records, Joan Greenfield of First Blush Cards, Andre'Anna Jovan of The Rainbow Gayme, and international recording artist Paul Delph.

Gay business is big business. Recent studies by Advertising Age magazine

and Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago market research firm, show that the gay community in the U.S. had \$514 billion in earnings last year. Major corporations such as Sony and Calvin Klein, recognizing the importance of this market, now routinely advertise in gay publications. Response to the first issue of Victory! has been phenomenal, with both readers and advertisers noting that the time is right for a serious business magazine for the gay community.

Victory! is published by Yale graduate M.J. McKean-Reich, selected by Shell Oil Company as an individual who will make a difference in America's third century. McKean-Reich is also an intercultural communications consultant with clients that include AT&T, Lotus, and Charles Schwab. The magazine features world-class design and printing standards. Art Director Andy Markley's graphic design credits include work on the Academy Award winning motion picture, The Panama Deception, and his illustrations have been seen by people in 52 countries.

For more information contact McKean-Reich at (800) GAY Business or (916) 444-6894.

Buffie is Miss Evolution 1994; Misty celebrates at Kon Tiki



Jesse and Jerry, New Year's Eve

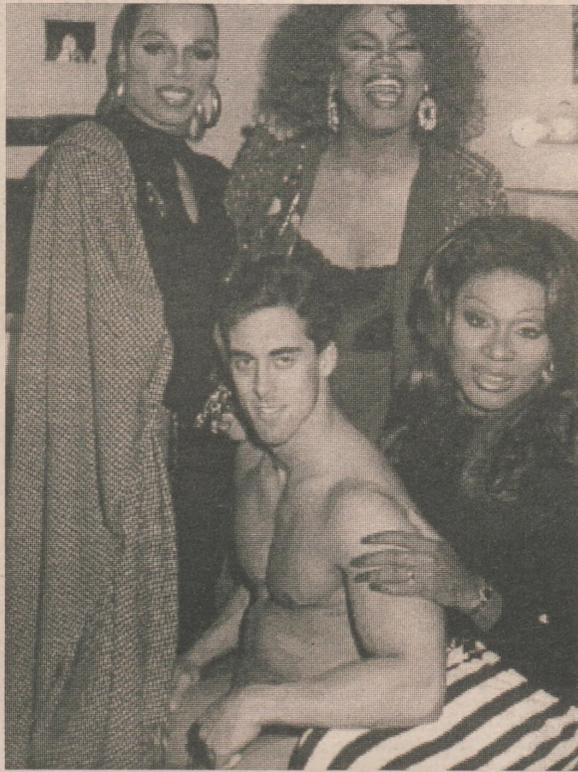
GALVESTON SOAP

By JERRY STUART

Houston Voice/Galveston

For those of you that didn't get a chance to read my article last week, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. Yes, it's hard to believe it, but 1994 is well under way. Like a lot of you, I've made a couple of resolutions and set a few new goals for myself to make this year a prosperous as well as a memorable one. With the holidays behind us, I guess it's time for us Galvestonians to start getting ready for Mardi Gras. So dig out those beads and pearls and stay tuned for the ADS on upcoming events. I can't wait to hear what the theme will be this year.

Congratulations goes out to Buffie Galore. She is the newly crowned Miss Evolution 1994. The Pageant was held this past Sunday, the 2nd at the club. There were only four contest-



The New Year's cast at the Kon Tiki

ants but the competition was stiff. Cinnamon took first runner up and since I happen to be one of the judges, I can tell you it was close. Buffie, a former Miss Lafitte's, performs in the shows at Robert's weekly. Now that she is the new Miss Evolution, she is going to be a bizzzy girl in 1994. The guest performers for the show were Jessica Lynn, Naomi Warwick and Latiece, who was also a judge for the pag. The M.C.

was none other than Dave the Mouth.

In the past couple of weeks we have had a couple of birthdays I should mention. They threw a party for Michael's birthday over at Lafitte's. They decorated the bar for him and when I walked in I knew something was going on. The place was packed and they had streamers and balloons added to the already hung decorations. That being Hal-

loween, Christmas and Mardi Gras present and past. They also had a cake for Michael and a show in his honor. Anyway, I hope you had a happy birthday Michael and many more.

The Kon Tiki Club also threw a birthday party recently for their star entertainer Misty Valdez. She also had a show in her honor along with the usual cake and gobs of food. Knowing Misty, I'm sure none of the leftover food went to waist. The K.T. also had a sparkling New Year's Eve show that featured Lawanda Jackson, Poison Alexander, Trena Chardon, Misty, and two hot men from Muscles in Action named Randy and Joe. Oh! I almost forgot, speaking of hot men. I met a guy named Mark at the bar that is new to the club scene and very available. One source tells me he has just recently gotten divorced. Mark, since your a new fish in the pond you should have lots of fun, just remember to play safe and beware of the piranha. This has been your friendly Islander reporter giving you the latest in '93 and looking



Buffie Galore, Miss Evolution 1994

forward to giving you newest scoops in '94. Don't forget to call with any info or input (409)740-7403.



Alishia and friends, New Year's Eve

2015 place
 2015 San Pedro • San Antonio
(210) 733-3365
STEAK NIGHT • TUESDAY • 6:30pm - 9:30pm

DANCERS
Thursday
 9pm - 1am
Friday
 6:30pm - 11pm
Sunday
 10:30pm - 1am

NATUREWORKS
 Total Lawn Maintenance • Commercial • Residential
LANDSCAPE • LAWN CARE • TREE SERVICE
 Free Estimates
 Best Prices
 (713) 524-5500
 Houston

MAKE YOUR JALAPEÑO HAPPY
 Wednesday is **MACHO NACHO NITE**
 FREE NACHOS & 50¢ SCHNAPPS
DANCERS AT 9:30

SPARKS
 SAN ANTONIO • TEXAS
 8011 WEBBLES AT WALZEM • (210) 653-9941

HOT OIL WRESTLING TUESDAYS
 50¢ JELLO SHOTS
DANCERS NIGHTLY
HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-8

<p>Charlie's ^{24 HOUR} BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER • DESSERTS 24 HOURS A DAY 1100 Westheimer Houston (713) 522-3332</p>	<p>Breakfast Special \$2.95 6am-9am • Mon-Fri 2 Pancakes - 2 Bacon 2 eggs (any style) OR 2 eggs - 2 bacon Hash Browns or Grits and Toast</p>	<p>Lunch Special \$4.95 Everyday • Mon thru Fri 11am til ? Choice of 3 Entrees</p>	<p>See Us For BRUNCH Every Saturday and Sunday</p>
---	--	---	--

The Best of 1993: a review of last year's top films and shows



Speilberg's "Schindler's List," with Ralph Finnes and Liam Neeson, is Javier's pick for top film of 1993

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

1993. It was a year that saw the biggest blockbuster of all time, "Jurassic Park" make adults almost as fanatic about dinosaurs as children, and Steven Spielberg showed the world once again the wonder and magic that the movies can be. It was a year that saw one of the most expensive films ever made, "Last Action Hero," go belly-up at the box office, and with this debacle Arnold Schwarzenegger permanently tarnished his star appeal.

All in all, there were far more disappointments—"Heaven and Earth," "M Butterfly," "Rising Sun," "The Pelican Brief," "Carlito's Way"—than there were films which lived up to their advance billing.

The year included nerve-rattling violence—"Falling Down," "In the Line of Fire"—bonding ensemble movies—"Peter's Friends," "Short Cuts"—and endearing comedies—"Dave," "Mrs. Doubtfire."

There were plenty of films that scraped the bottom—"Sliver," "Body of Evidence," "Cliffhanger," "Boxing Helena." But there were also films that provided entertainment and quality aplenty—

"Much Ado About Nothing," "The Firm," "What's Love Got to do With It," "Groundhog Day," "Household Saints," "Tim Burton's A Nightmare Before Christmas."

But only ten can make a "best" list (although I cheat by naming three honorable mentions). So here then, yet another critic's opinion of the best that was offered to Houston audiences in 1993.

Honorable Mention—"El Mariachi"—Robert Rodriguez and that proverbial shoestring budget created a madcap comedy/adventure about mistaken identity in a dusty Mexican village. "The Joy Luck

Club"—A smashing tale of four young American women and their Chinese mothers and how they left the old country for the new. "Strictly Ballroom"—A docu-comedy about ballroom dancing competition and one dazzling young man's struggle to reach the top of the art form.

10. "Ruby in Paradise"—A stunning film debut from Ashley Judd marks this triumphantly satisfying story of a young woman on the outs who makes it on her own with grit and spirit.

9. "Sleepless in Seattle"—Well, just call me a sucker for romance. Director Nora Ephron made a lovely, wishful movie saying that destined love doesn't just happen in the movies.

8. "The Fugitive"—The tension, the excitement, the edge-of-your-seat heart-racing action just doesn't get any better than this. And great performances from Tommy Lee Jones and Harrison Ford on top of that.

7. "Jurassic Park"—The highest grossing film of alltime and an astounding special effects achievement. Completely engrossing for young and old alike and unequivocal proof that films which aim for enter-

tainment value can also be films of quality.

6. "The Piano"—Jane Campion has a master's eye for severity and passion. Romance would seem unlikely in the backwaters of the world, but the story of a mute woman who finds solace in the arms of rough-hewn stranger is wholly mesmerizing. Holly Hunter gives the performance of her career.

5. "The Remains of the Day"—The combination of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant and Ruth Praver Jhabvala seems incapable of making a film of less than superlative quality. This studied portrait of a man dedicated to service even at the expense of his own happiness is both visceral and sublime.

4. "Farewell, My Concubine"—Chinese cinema has hit our shores in full force. This story of a life-long friendship and love between two men and the woman who rips it asunder is spectacular. Against the backdrop of the whirlwind of 20th century Chinese history, this tale of love and betrayal in the esoteric realm of Chinese opera is nothing short of amazing.

3. "King of the Hill"—Director Steven Soderbergh has created another masterpiece with the tale of an abandoned little boy in depression-era St. Louis, who makes the most of his forlorn situation while facing eviction, hunger and ridicule. An inspiring and uplifting work.

2. "Like Water for Chocolate"—Far and away the most captivating film of the year, this movie combines fantasy and reality in a beautifully woven love story fit for legends and dreams. It's enchanting, entertaining and enthralling.

1. "Schindler's List"—Steven Spielberg has triumphed like no one has before him. This historical drama of one man's unintentional struggle with the Holocaust is the movie of a lifetime. Not only the best movie of the year, hands down, but also one of the best movies of all time.

Theater picks

Houston theater is far more prolific than most people realize and in selecting the best shows of the past year, it is only fair that I mention that unless I did this full time (and don't I wish) it would be impossible for me to see them all. Still, I saw over 40 local productions last year, and from them I culled five that in my opinion represent the

best theater in Houston for 1993.

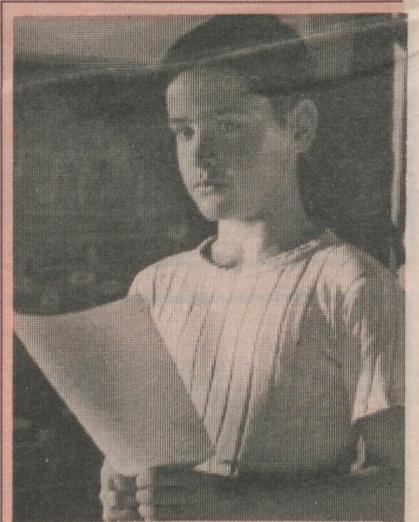
"Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel (Alley Theater) is an enrapturing look at the hopes and dreams of five incredible sisters in the midst of heartbreak and poverty. Self-sacrifice in the name of the family good abounded in this stirring account.

"Death and the Maiden" by Ariel Dorfman (Alley Theater) is a thought-provoking and mesmerizing piece that examined the justice of vengeance for atrocities committed in the name of the state. A superb political drama that resonates with the reality of relatively recent headlines.

"A Piece of My Heart" by Shirley Lauro (Main Street Theater) is a powerful look at the forgotten Americans who served in Viet-Nam—the women. Nurses, intelligence officers, USO entertainers all had harrowing and heart-rending experiences, and here those experiences are beautifully presented.

"Sight Unseen" by Donald Margulies (Stages Repertory Theater) is an invigorating production that showcased an artist's meteoric career and with the progress he made in the art world, the regression that occurred in his anti-Semitic self-loathing and denial. An intelligent and salutary production.

"The Sum of Us" by David Stevens (Theater LaB Houston) was an amusing and reflective sketch of a father/son relationship. The son gay in every way and the father accepting in a similar fashion. Touching and bittersweet, this set the stage for Theater LaB's subsequent successes.



Jesse Bradford as Aaron Kurlander in "King of the Hill"

JUST US

"I AGREE WE SHOULD EAT HEALTHY IN '94! I JUST DON'T CONSIDER RICE CAKES AS FOOD!"

Turn your **LIFE INSURANCE** into **CASH, NOW.**

Your **NEEDS** must be met **NOW.**
Your **DREAMS** must be fulfilled . **NOW.**

PWA's
Call for **FREE BROCHURE**
800/487-1183
or
800/786-7183
We **CARE**, and We **UNDERSTAND.**

Viatical Settlements
A not-for-profit Corporation

106 Navarro
San Antonio, Tx
(210) 223-7177

El Jardin

Happy Hour Everyday

Thanks for Another Wonderful Year! Happy
★ 1994 ★

10-3pm Everyday
\$1.00 Bloodies
and Screws!

If sexually explicit materials may be offensive to you please do not view this section of the Houston Voice

HOUSTON VOICE BLUE PAGES

Bar Listings
Erotica-Art/Ads
Galaxy Gayzer
Models/Escorts
Personal Ads
Texas Puzzle
900 Phone Ads

A COMMUNITY NEWS PUBLICATION • JANUARY 7, 1994 • ISSUE 689

HOUSTON (713) 529-8490 • NATIONWIDE (800) 729-8490 • FAX (713) 529-9531



PACIFIC STREET PHOTOGRAPHER: JAY ALLEN
MODEL: JOHN OF FLORIDA

Say hello to Tootsie, goodbye to '93 and Happy birthday to Margarita



Rick, Homecoming Queen and King

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

By TOOTSIE WOMELDORF
Houston Voice/Rio Grande Valley

Check out my new pen name! Actually, it's a name that a friend christened me with 15 years ago, that I've decided to go back to. Why, you ask? Because it seems that you can't write this column and fit



John and Kim at the Planet

into the shoes that one must wear to be a part of the right wing, conservative, straight work force. And since I have no plans of giving up my column, I decided to compromise and write under a different name. So Alicia Lugo will no longer be writing this column, instead say hello to Tootsie. Well, the tinsel and the ornaments are all put away now. The party hats and the noisemakers are but a memory, and most importantly the hangover is almost gone. But with the new year come new beginnings and new resolutions (to

break), and of course lots of new parties.

Terry and Peggy would like to thank everyone that attended Just Tery's New Year's Eve celebration. They also wanted to send special thanks to Tomas and Jorge for their special menudo and

Spanish rice, and to Bobby and Frank for their rancho beans that made the New Year's party a huge success.

Also as the New Year begins Peggy and Terry would like to thank all their devoted customers that have helped make Just Tery's what it is today. They also want to thank their staff, Tom, Ricky, J.R., Mary, Pat, Monty, Bobby and Frank. In addition they would like to thank Velma, Esmer and all the great talent that has appeared at Just Tery's (especially you Lady Laura)!

Last week Just Tery's, Tomas and Jorge held a birthday party for Margarita from La Joya with a show featuring Lady Laura, Jacqui and Gigi. On Friday, Jan. 14th there will be a fund raising benefit for Lady Laura who will be competing in the Miss Gay Laredo at Large Pageant on Jan. 21st at the Discover Club in Laredo. The Pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Gay Texas at Large Pageant. We would like to wish Lady Laura and Caprice Deveraux who will also be competing. Lots of luck!

On Jan. 21st Kofi and Cream will be making a return appearance at J.T.'s It's a show not to

be missed. And as promised, Victoria West, Miss Gay Southwest U.S.A. will also be returning to Just Tery's in February.

P.B.D.'s will be having a special show on Jan. 22 with Lady Laura and other special guests. Get ready for P.B.D.'s huge 10th Year Anniversary Blow Out on Feb. 19th which is already in the makings. Don't forget P.B.D.'s drink specials which include, \$1.50 well drinks, \$1.25 beer from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. On Sundays enjoy \$1.50 Bloody Mary's, \$1.50 well drinks and \$1.25 beer from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Don at P.B.D.'s wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year and remind all eligible bachelors that he is here and available. And Jeff wants to remind everyone that happiness is owning your very own Salsa Master. For more information see him at P.B.D.'s.

Have you checked out the incredible new light show at 10th Avenue? I got an up close guided tour last week and they're hot! The lights are suspended over the dance floor on a huge frame that can be raised and lowered for a fantastic effect. Check it out soon. This Friday night 10th Avenue plays host to the terrific Tommie Ross. Catch all the new of upcoming stars here next week.

Heading down to Harlingen, Zippers is planning a big Super Bowl Sunday party. There will be a big beer bust, so mark your calendars now. Also coming later this month to Zippers will be those

gorgeous hunks from Monterey, the Special Collection Dancers. So be watching here for more details on the date.

The Planet was the place to be on New Year's Eve as designer and choreographer Plaz presents "A Brand New Day," a musical parody off "The Wizard of Oz" with music by Quincy Jones. Special guest included Chanel as Dorothy, Velma Saints as Glenda, Plaz as the Wizard and dancers Larry Adair, Lance, Rene Cantu and Denise Fletcher.

The Planet features night life on the cutting edge with Wet N Wild Wednesday with \$1.50 bar drinks all night long and top 40 dance music. Thursdays are Thunderground at The Planet with a mix of Euro, techno, acid, and trance music with DJ Loopz. The Planet also has a New Year's resolution that's sure to be a hit. They will have no shows on Friday or Saturday so that you can dance and party all night long!

Valley Voice will meet at Creasy's in Harlingen on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. for bowling. See you there! That about raps it up for this week on Tootsie's Column. Catch ya next week. Bye!



The cast of "It's a Brand New Day"



Tavo and Laurie

Leader of Washington anti-gay campaign has troubled past

SPOKANE, Tuesday, Dec. 28 (AP)—The leader of a group that wants to ban civil rights for homosexuals in Washington state has been married three times and was arrested in 1991 on an assault charge involving his second wife.

But Robert Larimer Jr. says the problems shouldn't preclude him from leading what his group says is a pro-family campaign against gay rights.

"No one likes a failed marriage," said Larimer, 42, of Vancouver. "There are all kinds of things in life that happen that are imperfect. But that doesn't mean you can't aspire to the things we believe in. That was then and this is now."

The fourth-degree assault charge was ultimately dismissed.

Larimer leads the Citizens Alliance of Washington, a group founded last January to preserve what it calls traditional family values, including heterosexual marriage without divorce.

The group and another organization called the Washington Public Affairs Council have said they plan separate campaigns next year on behalf of statewide initiatives to outlaw civil rights protections for gays.

Larimer's group plans to file its initiative Jan. 10.

The fourth-degree assault charge was filed by a Clark County deputy prosecutor in 1990

after Larimer's second wife reported an incident to authorities.

Court records say Larimer failed to show for a Feb. 1991 court hearing on the charge and was arrested two months later on a bench warrant. He pleaded innocent and in June 1991 a judge offered to delay prosecution for a year and dismiss the charge if Larimer stayed out of trouble. The charge was dismissed in May 1992.

Larimer said his ex-wife, Rhonda Sue, was standing in the doorway of her Battle Ground home in August 1990 when he tried to get by her to enter the house.

He said he placed his hand on her arm and brushed by her. "I guess I'm at a loss to say exactly what she perceived as an assault," he said. "There's no substance to it."

His ex-wife declined comment.

Police reports said Larimer "grabbed her arm," and deputy prosecutor Scott Anders said he felt the case was serious enough to prosecute.

Larimer was chosen to lead the Citizens Alliance of Washington by Lon Mabon, who founded a similar group in Oregon that unsuccessfully campaigned last year to block civil rights protections for gays.

Mabon said he has no problem with Larimer's background.

"It should not disqualify someone to strive for standards even if their own domestic situation didn't always meet them," Mabon said.

Courts reviewing legality of anti-gay measures in Washington, Idaho

SPOKANE, Wash., Monday, Jan. 3 (AP)—Supporters and opponents of planned initiatives in Washington and Idaho are closely watching whether a Colorado measure to ban civil-rights protections for gays will survive court scrutiny.

Many observers believe the U.S. Supreme Court will have the final say on whether Colorado's Amendment 2 is constitutional.

The measure, which passed by popular vote in Nov. 1992, was struck down Dec. 14 by Denver District Court Judge Jeffrey Bayless.

Activists who plan similar measures in Washington and Idaho say the ruling won't stop or slow their efforts.

"It's just one battle in another war," said Kelly Walton, director of the Idaho Citizens Alliance.

"It's irrelevant," said Jeff Swindler, spokesperson for the Washington Public Affairs Council, which is backing one of two expected anti-gay rights initiatives in Washington.

Opponents of the initiatives are hailing Bayless' ruling.

"It just adds to the momentum and understanding of people that these kinds of initiatives are unconstitutional and inherently flawed," said John Hummel, an attorney

and spokesperson for a group called Idaho for Human Dignity.

Colorado's measure prohibits the state and local governments from passing any laws that gives gays, lesbians or bisexuals minority or protected status.

Opponents sought and won an injunction preventing the law from going into effect without a court review.

Bayless found that the law "violates the fundamental right of an identifiable group to participate in the political process." He cited a clause of the U.S. Constitution that protects the right for citizens to participate equally in the political process.

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton has said she plans to appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court.

In Washington, Swindler's group and the Citizens Alliance for Washington have announced plans for separate initiatives banning civil rights protections for gays. Neither group has filed a measure with the state.

In Idaho, activists are gathering signatures in a petition drive to get a measure on the 1994 ballot. State Attorney General Larry Echowhawk has said the initiative is unconstitutional, but the measure has yet to undergo court scrutiny.



Wednesdays!
SHADY LADY
 and the
SAN ANTONIO
MALE DANCERS
 50¢ WELL • \$1.75 LONGNECKS • 50 ¢ DRAFT

THURSDAY
Tandi's T.E.A.
 Tandi, Erica,
 Ariel & Vanessa
 \$1.75 WELL • 50¢ DRAFT

SATURDAYS
 Sweet Savage
 and
 Muscles In Action
 NO COVER TILL 11PM
 AFTER HOURS

THE SUPER SUNDAY SHOW



Tandi Pauletta Sweet Savage Shady Lady Tommie Ross
 \$1.00 WELL 9-1 • 50¢ DRAFT ALL NITE
 NO COVER TILL 10 PM • AFTER HOURS

Coming
 Friday, January 21st
 MISS GAY SOUTHWEST USA
 Tuesday, Janusry 25th
 PAPER MOON NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
 Thursday, January 27th
 BENEFIT FOR NINA MONROE

THE PLANET

THE MUSIC PULSE IN THE
 HEARTBEAT OF DOWNTOWN HARLINGEN
 The Planet's New Year's
 Resolution—"No Shows
 on Fridaz and Saturdaz
 in 1994" ...We Promise!

WEDNESDAZ
 Top 40 Dance
 and
 International Music
 \$1.50 Bar Drinks

THURSDAZ
 Thunderground
 Trance • Acid • Techno
 \$2.00 Beer
 and Bar Drinks

NO COVER CHARGE 21+ ALL NIGHT

WEEKENZ
 Post Modern
 Dance Mixes
 with D.J.'s Al
 and Danny V.

SUNDAZ
 Trash Disco
 Tea Party
 \$4.00 Teas
 All Night Long

NO COVER CHARGE WITH THIS AD

NIGHTLIFE ON THE CUTTING EDGE
 FOUR LEVELS • THREE BARS • TWICE THE FUN
 117 WEST JACKSON • DOWNTOWN HARLINGEN • (210) 425-4652



ROUND-UP
Sundaes
 Wild Weenies 4-9
 Roast & Dancers
 Wild Draft • 25¢ All Night
Monday
 Steak Night 7-10pm Sponsored by A.R.C.
 \$1.50 Longnecks & Well • 75¢ Draft
Tuesday
 Dance Lessons • 9-11pm
 \$1.50 Well & Longnecks 75¢ Draft
Thursday
 Wild Country Dancers • 11pm-2am
 \$2.50 Longnecks • \$1.75 Well
Fridays & Saturdays
 Wildest Men • Buckinst Broncos
 NEVER A COVER

Gil-T Promotions
 presents
Miss Gay Southwest USA
1994
 Friday, January 21 - 11 P.M.



Sweet Savage
Miss Gay USA 93



Victoria West
Miss Southwest 93



Coco
Miss Texas USA 93



Amanda Hall
Miss Texas USA 90

Special Guests:

Sweet Savage
Miss Gay USA 93

Victoria West
Miss Southwest 93

Coco
Miss Texas USA 93

Amanda Hall
Miss Texas USA 90

OVER \$1000 IN CASH & PRIZES TO BE AWARDED!




Applications are available at the Paper Moon.
 or call Ron at (210) 344-3091

Corpus Christi Club Galveston Club Events

Corpus Christi, Friday, Jan. 7

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Fish Fry \$2.00 5:50-9pm, Choices; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; \$2.00 margaritas 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Show midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Saturday, Jan. 8

25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Steak Night - \$4.00 4-9pm, Choices; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; \$2.00 Crown Royal 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Colorado Bulldogs 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Sunday, Jan. 9

25¢ draft beer noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Crown Royal & bloody marys \$2.00 noon-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Male strippers 6-9pm, U.B.U.; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas All night long, Babalov's; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Monday, Jan. 10

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour, Choice's Male Express 2-11pm, Choices; \$1.00 well drinks, Male Strippers 2pm-2am, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, Jan. 11

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; \$2.00 Margaritas & Colorado Bulldogs 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, Jan. 12

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 6-10pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Thursday, Jan. 13

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well drinks 3pm til closing, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$50 cash prize 9pm, Desert Hearts; Variety show Midnight, U.B.U.

Galveston, Friday, Jan. 7

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Corona Party, \$1.50 margaritas & Corona all day, Kon-Tiki; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; After hours 2-4am, Evolution

Galveston, Saturday, Jan. 8

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; Show with Buffie Galore & Muffin 10pm, Robert's LaFitte; After hours 2-4am, Evolution

Galveston, Sunday, Jan. 9

Happy hour noon-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 -refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Show with Buffie Galore & Muffin 8pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Monday, Jan. 10

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; 75¢ well 10-11pm, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Tuesday, Jan. 11

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pool Tournament 10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lone Star longnecks 75¢ 10pm-2am, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Wednesday, Jan. 12

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 8pm-2am, Evolution; Shear Madness, \$1.25 well, \$1.25 dom. longnecks, 75¢ Schnapps, \$2 Harvey Wallbangers 8pm-2am, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Thursday, Jan. 13

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lottery drawing 10:30pm, 11:30pm, 12:30am & 1:30am, Kon-Tiki

Rio Grande Valley Club Events

Rio Grande Valley, Friday, Jan. 7

Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's; Show midnight, 10th Avenue

Rio Grande Valley, Saturday, Jan. 8

Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's; Show midnight, 10th Avenue; After hours til 3am, The Planet

Rio Grande Valley, Sunday, Jan. 9

Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers; Complimentary Bar-B-Q, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; \$1 off all sex drinks all night, The Planet; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's

Rio Grande Valley, Monday, Jan. 10

Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

Rio Grande Valley, Tuesday, Jan. 11

Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers; Two Steppin' Country Tejano with \$2 beer & bar drinks all night long, The Planet

Rio Grande Valley, Wednesday, Jan. 12

Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; \$4 planet punch all night, The Planet; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's

Rio Grande Valley, Thursday, Jan. 13

Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Thunderground \$1.75 longnecks all night, The Planet; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's

Rio Grande Valley, Friday, Jan. 14

Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Tery's; Show midnight, 10th Avenue

Houston Club Events

Houston, Friday, Jan. 7

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; Pool tournament with cash prizes 8pm, E/J's; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Strip contest with Paivi 11pm, E/J's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Saturday, Jan. 8

Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Beer blast on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; Dart tournament 7pm, E/J's; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Super Saturday Show starring Brittany Paige 11pm, E/J's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, Jan. 9

Bloody Bulls, \$1.25 Noon-5pm, Venture-N; Blue light specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Beer blast on patio Noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free buffet 5pm-?, Venture-N; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dart tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E/J's; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Monday, Jan. 10

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$2.50 pitchers, 75¢ mug Miller Lite 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Spaggggggetti nights, \$2.00 5pm-?, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm,

HOUSTON VOICE personals

One of the LARGEST gay personal sections in the U.S.

Our very own! All are REAL! All are CURRENT! All are from readers of The New Voice.



To PLACE a Personal Ad by Phone:

First, before you call, write out your ad. Use up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then call our local number in your city: Austin 478-4245 Baton Rouge 346-8617 Beaumont 800-300-8271 Galveston 800-300-8271 Houston 529-8490 New Orleans 524-3279 San Antonio 226-1833 Elsewhere (713) 529-8490

After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go into print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number using a touch-tone phone and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in your verbal ad, say what city you live in.)

Cost: \$24.95 for up to a year. We will mail you a bill.

You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. You must call us every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:

Write out your ad using up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then, mail it with your check for \$24.95 to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.

We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad.

You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. But you must call us or mail us a note every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Phone:

Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the verbal instructions. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill from "Multiquest." Call (713) 529-8490 for information about this service. You must be 18+.

You can respond verbally, leaving your name and phone number, to as many personal advertisers as you wish. You can also browse through all the personal advertisers until you hear someone that interests you. As the individual advertisers periodically check their incoming verbal mailboxes, they will retrieve your response. Additionally, you can listen to verbal ads placed through other major gay newspapers in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Orlando, Raleigh and San Diego.

To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Mail:

Mail each response separately to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Write the 5-digit ad number on the outside of the envelope. Your response will be forwarded unopened to the advertiser. (Do not

mail multiple responses in a single envelope. Only individually-sealed, first-class, personal responses will be forwarded.)

To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail.

To see if you have any verbal messages waiting to be retrieved, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. Follow the verbal instructions. If the recording there says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-3576 to retrieve your verbal responses. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill as "Multiquest." Call (713) 529-8490 for information about this service. You must be 18+.

RULES of Etiquette:

All personal ads, and all responses to personal ads, should be in good taste. An advertiser may not describe sexual activity or anatomy. All advertising should be "positive." That is, describing only those people or traits desired. (People or traits not desired must not be listed.)

Additional REQUIREMENT:

To take advantage of this \$24.95-per-year extraordinary offer, we require that you participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals by calling a special 1-800 number we will give you at the time you place your ad. There, by following the verbal instructions, you will record, in your own actual voice, your personal ad.

If you do NOT participate in this "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals, you will not be eligible for the \$24.95 per year unlimited rate but may instead purchase a personal ad at our regular rate of 55 cents per word per week.

Houston Gay Personals

To advertise call Houston local number (713) 529-8490 Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
To respond to an advertiser and to hear his actual voice describing himself and the people he would like to meet, call 24 hours 1-900-454-3576. (\$1.49/min. on your phone bill. You must be 18+.) OR you can call (713) 529-8490 Mon.-Fri. 9-5 for more information or to establish a pre-paid toll-free answering account.

SERIOUSLY SEEKING!

Two lovers who want a third for an alternative gay lifestyle! In my 30's (look young). Under 5'4" but well proportioned, DDF, 125lbs., br/hazel, moustache, muscular with good looks. Super sincere and serious, honest, caring, affectionate and a non-smoker. My age preferences are from 35-50, non-smokers, dark hair/graying okay, moustache/beard, w/h proportionate, masculine, DDF. If interested please respond. Ad 25741

LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN

25-45, masculine, neat in appearance and at home, DDF, NS, (light drinker) who wants to share apartment in a peaceful, quiet, very luxurious atmosphere, with a mature person. Must be financially responsible and able to afford \$400 monthly for his part of rent and utilities. Ad 25700

LOOKING FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES

We are in our late 30's looking for singles and/or couples for safe fun. We are both DDF. Serious replies only. Ad#25709

FRONT FOR GAY MALE

Victoria's secrets woman, cross between Jaclyn Smith and Jackie Kennedy Onassis seeks to front for affluent gay male in return for educating my six year old daughter and I. Ad 25742

BABY WANTED

by professional, stable, handsome, masculine, gay white male - interested in attractive, professional lesbian couple for cooperative effort in having a child, or single gay female. Custody in favor of the mothers, but for those women interested in having a child this is an opportunity for a quality male to make that possible. Totally disease free. Ad 25735

GBM WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT!

Independent -thinking Gay Black Male with red convertible sports car, seeks someone completely different than oneself. I have every toy a man could want except that elusive Boy-Toy. All I guarantee is a good time! Ad 25707

MARRIED MEN

Spend quality time day or night w/semi-retired GWM in Houston. Ad 25328

ACCOMPLISHED PROFESSIONAL SEEKS YOUNGER MAN

40ish GWM, grad school educated, healthy, HIV+ seeks attractive younger man in Houston for serious relationship. I'm 6'2", 190, br/bl, masculine. Women tell me I'm handsome. If you are the boy-next-door looking for an honest, loving and accomplished man please respond to Ad 25976

ATTENTION: WHITE CALVIN WEARERS

GWM, Daddy bear, 43, 5'6", moustache, balding, hunky, HIV-. Successful professional with a dry sense of humor and a lot of energy. Not looking for love, relationship, or anything serious - just someone who wants to play and who likes to cuddle after. If you are 23-35, straight, bi, or gay, athletic, and look hot in white calvins, why not give it a try? Attorneys, architects, doctors a plus. Ad 25387

FEISTY, FEMININE FEMALE WANTED!

You: very feminine, small/medium build, uninhibited, playful, intimate, conversationalist, positive attitude. Me: GWF, 105lbs, 5'3", long blonde hair, blue eyes, soft butch, assertive, flirtatious, likes having fun. Ad 25553.

SEEKING AFFECTIONATE, FUN, GENEROUS, FRIENDLY GENTLEMAN

I'm tall, athletic, healthy, hairy, handsome, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, sincere, blond, 30's, professional, homeowner. You: fit, weight/height proportionate, affluent, generous gentleman, capable of giving time, affection, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel etc. Relationship: casual to serious. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's spoil and pamper one another. Ad 25978

DPM-ROW

Your gold encircles my wrist and your love encircles my heart. You have added great depth to the meaning of the word "adore". I accept you and your love now and for the rest of our lives. Ad 25911

I WANNA FEEL WHAT LOVE IS,

I know you can show me, I am a professionally employed homeowner, 40's, DDF, bl/bl, hairy chest, moustache, 5'11", weight in proportion, non-smoker, enjoy movies, dining out, bicycling and travel. Quiet evenings around the fireplace also makes me happy. Want sincere, affectionate man for dating and possible relationship. Ad 25988

BABY WANTED!

by attractive, stable, professional, white woman who is racing the biological clock. Seeking attractive, intelligent caucasian male or male couple for cooperative effort in having a child. Full custody for the mother but father (s) can alternatively have plenty of involvement/visitation alternatively. Would also consider a platonic "marriage of convenience" so that both parents could live with the child. Ad 25740

LOOKING FOR FRIEND

Attractive, well-built 29 yr. old GWM seeks GBM. I am athletic; my favorite sports are biking and running. If you are looking for a warm, sincere person and you are muscular and attractive, please respond to Ad 25979.

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Attractive, well built GBM seeks masculine friends. I enjoy sports, working out, movies, electronics and good conversation. I'm stable and professional and DDF/LD. Ad 25739

GENTLE TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

GWM, 48, 6'2", ht/wt proportionate, balding/blue, hairy body, physically fit, DDF, NS, lite alcohol, professional, educated, mature, masculine, honest, sincere, enjoy arts, movies, gym, outdoors, cuddler, active, sensitive, caring, nice guy. Seeking GM alive, fun, physically fit, smart, masculine, DDF, NS, bottom, smoother the better, employed, career minded for dating maybe monogamous relationship. Ad#25726

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL LADY!

GWF, 29, attractive soft butch who is kind, gentle, sincere, caring and sensitive. I enjoy a wide variety of activities. I am seeking a 25-40 feminine woman who walks and talks, laughs and learn about ourselves and each other. She must be attractive, slim / medium build, honest, confident and playful. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25736

FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

GBM, 5'10", 195#, healthy, HIV+, affectionate, realistic, spontaneous, honest and sexy. Prefer ages 30-45, w/h proportion. Interest include but not limited to movies, music, theater, and life outside the bars. I'm a heck of a great guy and I know there are more like me somewhere out there with similar interests, feelings, inclinations and aspirations. Oddly, we haven't met. Let's change that! Respond to Ad 25974.

GAY SWEEP-STAKES!!! YOU MAY WIN!!!

Me: GWM, 42, 5'11", 175, dark hair, blue, professional, discreet, stable, DDF, non-smoker, handsome, endowed and "natural." You: GWM, 30-30, honest good looking. To enter: Respond describing yourself and why I should choose you to take to dinner. Extra credit awarded for certain attributes!! Ad 25738

GWM PHYSICIAN SEEKS EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MAN!

GWM physician, 40 but looks 35, feels 21, searching for special young man 21-28 for possibility of long term, committed relationship. Very romantic, believes in monogamy, loves movies, dining out, travel, quiet evenings, cuddling, etc. Prefer non-smoker. I have a lot to offer the right person - don't hesitate if you might be the one! Ad 25743

DOWN TO EARTH SPACE MAN

GWM, professional (27, 5'8", 150lbs., dark blonde, blue eyes, NS), regular guy, attractive, looking to meet a caring man who's available for a possible monogamous relationship, or more friends with similar values. I'm attracted to a GW/WM (23-37) who's emotionally stable, physically fit, nice looking (not gorgeous), genuine and sincere. I prefer quiet, romantic times instead of wild parties, but I am out going and have a funny sense of humor. Ad#25155

SMALL TOWN TEXAN SURVIVING IN CITY

HIV-, 38 yr. old GWM, 6', 170lbs, br/br who enjoys bicycling, football, basketball, tennis, camping, hiking, fishing, junk stores, C&W music, movies, television, Nintendo, small towns and travel seeks monogamous relationship with GM 25-40 with same interests. Ad 25288

GAY SWEEP-STAKES!!! YOU MAY WIN!!!

Me: GWM, 42, 5'11", 175, dark hair, blue eyes, professional, discreet, stable, DDF, non-smoker, handsome, endowed and "natural." You: GWM, 20-30, honest and good looking. To enter: Please respond by describing yourself and why I should choose you to take to dinner. Extra credit awarded for certain attributes!! Ad 25738

HEY, I KNOW YOU!

You're a GWM 30's to 40's, smart, stable, secure, masculine and healthy. You have integrity, wit, optimism and charm. This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, br/bl is all the above plus compassionate, comfortable to be around, upbeat, adventurous and an extrovert. If you're who I think you are, respond today! Ad 25716

LOOKING FOR A FEW MASCULINE FRIENDS

I'm a 35 yr. old attractive WM, 6', long br/br eyes, moustache and beard, HIV+. Like working on my own car, camping, four wheeling, rafting, rock-n-roll and safe fun times. Not necessarily in that order. I'm looking for friends with similar interests. Ad 25719

SPANKINGS NEEDED

W/M, 33, needs older white gentleman (mid 50's late 60's) to help me correct my behavior by administering spankings. Must be safe, sane and want to help me grow as a person via meaningful discipline. Ad 25734

SUBMISSIVE MEN!

are sought by Houston man (44, 5'9", 180, hairy, aggressive, demanding). Seeking 21-48, masculine, any race. I travel on business so out-of-town replies are welcome. Ad 25134

LONDON, PARIS, SYDNEY, NEW YORK CITY

Travel companion wanted for traveling around the USA and the world. Travel agent needs reliable and responsible GM to accompany him to split cost at discounted prices. Must be non-smoker and drug free. Prefer light drinker to non-drinker. Passport required. Possible relationship. Ad 25972

WHAT IS LOVE?

Someone who relates to life's ups and downs. GWF, 24, 5'3", Hazel eyes, lt. brown hair, mid-masculine build, shy, loving/caring, energetic, settled, totally independent. Looking for the same. Must be DDF, feminine female, 24-30. Race not important. If you can help me mend my broken heart please respond to Ad 25721.

WANTED: HAIRY CHESTED YOUNG STUD FOR COMPANIONSHIP

GWM, 35, bl/gr, 5'9", 200lbs, DDF, seeks muscular male 20-39 for companionship. Enjoy movies, leather, evenings at home and dining out. Must be self-employed and own your own transportation, male stripper or swimmer's build and DDF. Nipple rings, black/blonde hairy chested a plus. I live in San Antonio but would like to receive responses from the Houston area. Ad 25744

BLACK ATTACK!

Very good-looking GWM, crazy about experiencing black guys. I'm 6 ft. tall, well-muscled, trendy, work out regularly. I'm safe, disease-free and ready to go. Not interested in relationships - just hot fun. You gotta respond to this! Let's go! Ad 25531.

Very attractive, butch Hispanic, body builder in San Antonio, 27, 5'6", looking for an attractive health conscious man up to 45 years of age, under 5'10" with a sense of humor and caring heart. Interests are art, weight lifting, dancing and ghost stories. I gave up looking for Mr. Right in San Antonio. Could you be in Houston? Ad 25733

WANT A GREAT SPECIAL FRIEND?

I am and you will be masculine acting and sounding, GWM/GHM, attractive, under 45 years of age, sincere, weight in proportion to height, posses a great sense of humor, reasonably intelligent, non-smoker, non-substance abuser, not into bars or S & M, and have free time for safe get-togethers. Ad 25011.

WANTED: ACTIVE GWM

GWM, 5'10", 44, balding, dk. br/green eyes, hirsute, beard, HIV+, passive, seeks a man for friendship or possibly more. Prefer a taller masculine man who enjoys staying home, cuddling, watching T.V., theater, walks and the finer things in life! Country lovers a plus! Ad 25731

All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. No promotions.

START YEAR RIGHT! (NO GAMES!)

GWM, 29, 5'10", 163lbs, w/above average looks. HIV+ for 6 years and with perfect health. Looking for GW or GH that is also in great health, masculine in appearance, attitude. I'm very adventurous, spontaneous, fun loving, love animals, nature and would like someone to share my life with and stop being alone. You won't be disappointed. Serious need only reply. Ad 25270

BE TRUE TO YOUR SISTER!

ACCEPT THE WORLD AS IS...don't play games or lie, same difference! Always be true/honest with your God and yourself, same difference once again - and others and the rewards will be plentiful for your life! I've been studying "A Course In Miracles" for the past nine years -GWF -so if there is any curiosity about any of this, respond. But I can't help too much more than what you just learn through life itself! Very true/honest GWF wouldn't be hurt by having too many honest responses!!! Ad 25967

TWO STEPPER SEEKS PARTNER

Attractive GWM, 41, 5'6", br/hazel, moustache, weight proportionate to height, DDF, educated, honest, romantic, affectionate. C&W dancing, sense of humor, great smile, non-smoker, health oriented. Seeks similar individual who is attractive, romantic, fun loving, likes to laugh and enjoy the simple things in life. Ad 25714

Young professional married bi-sexual seeks discreet female for one on only interludes and lasting friendship. Age unimportant. Sincerity and discretion is of utmost importance. Ad#25729

GWF, 36 seeking GWF who is honest and secure herself. There must be somebody out there who wants friendship and romance. I like going to movies, music and dining. Ad#25723

GWM 54, SEEKS GM 18-35

Looking for that special someone, must be drug free. I am 6'1", br/blu eyes. Interests include dining out, movies, astrology, numerology and other new age subjects. Want someone to love, caress, appreciate you? To depend on? Please respond to Ad#25984.

DADDY, SON, BOY, BOOT-BOY, SLAVE!

Do any of these or similar terms interest you? I am 40, fit, attractive and muscular and looking for a muscular GWM for some experimentation (nothing too heavy or serious). Box 25298 Ad 25298

CUTE ATTRACTIVE, AFFECTIONATE SEEKING SAME!

GWM, 30, 5'9", medium build, HIV+, attractive, enjoys movies, dining out and dancing. Also passive, seeking GWM 30 and under who is DF, optimistic and would enjoy sharing life with me. Ad#25923

NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer) . You, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to Ad 25916.

LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER

If you are young, slim, healthy, intelligent, free of alcohol/drugs, decent, sincere, boy next door type, this 52 y.o. educated, decent, sincere professional would love to meet you for discrete safe gay fun times together. Ad 25947.

GORGEOUS FROM HEAD TO TOE

GWM, 30, 5'10", 170lbs, brown/hazel stocky build. I have my own business, and am looking for a very unique, sincere, generous man to have fun with and spend quality time. Not your ordinary, average, typical guy and looking for the same. Ad 25250

LONELY BIWM ROOKIE LEANING TOWARDS MALES

I'm 5'6", weight proportionate, DDF/NS/LD, average looks, 44, sincere, discreet, masculine, likes sports, reading, movies, dining out and intimate evenings plus a BIGWM with same qualities as above. Experienced, average looks, height/weight proportionate 30-50, DDF/NS/LD equals safe fun times - no strings, let's talk. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25378

RESCUE ME FROM LIMBO!

I'm a GWM, 27, 5'9", average/slim, DDF/NS/LD who's lived without other gay friends or experiences. I'm in need of special friends to help me experience gay life and love. You: GWM/GHM, under 35, DDF, average/ attractive, non-kicker. No expectations beyond friendship. Fireworks may follow later for that special person. Ad 25732

Advertise Your Restaurant Here

Call For Details (713) 529-8490



RECYCLE
It's the right thing to do!

MIDNIGHT MATINEE SPECIAL
 Sunday thru Thursday
 Midnight til Closing
 Admission \$4
 with membership

FRENCH QUARTER

(713) 527-0782 3201 LOUISIANA HOUSTON

All Male Cinema

presents

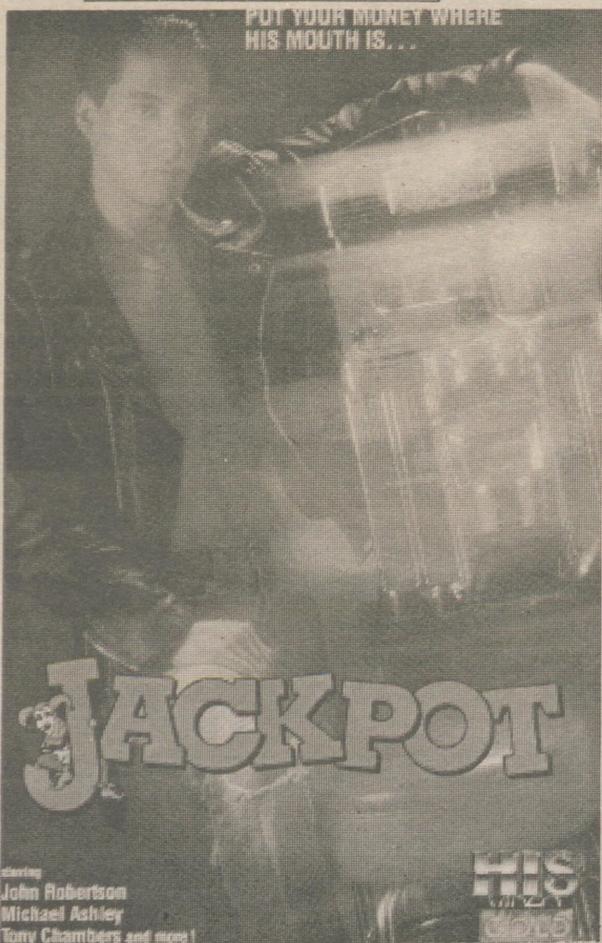
JACKPOT

and

HIDDEN MAN

Friday & Saturday
 11am - 3am
 Monday-Thursday
 11am - 1am
 Sunday
 1pm - 1 am

THURSDAY Matinee
\$4 All Day
 with membership



STUDENT NIGHT

1/2 Price With Your Student I.D.
 Every Tuesday Night Starting Jan. 11th



3100 FANNIN • 522-2379

- 3 VIDEO CHANNELS
- 100's of Movies
- Indoor Heated Pool
- Weight Equipment
- Massage Therapy
- Executive Suite
- Specialty Rooms
- Dry Sauna
- Steam Bath
- Sundeck
- Jacuzzi
- Showers
- Video Rooms

STONE SOUP SPECIAL • MON 12AM - THURS 5PM
 1/2 Price Rooms & Lockers with 3 item donation

COME BY FOR A FREE TOUR
 3100 FANNIN • HOUSTON • (713) 522-2379
 OPEN 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK

When in Dallas visit MIDTOWNE SPA
 2509 Pacific • DALLAS • (214) 821-8989



Houston Un-Classifieds

To advertise call
 Houston local
 number (713) 529-
 8490 9-5 Mon.-Fri.

"Private studio available hourly for photographers, art classes etc. (713) 847-1513."

ELECTROLYSIS TECHNICIAN

Wanted for long term project. Must be licensed. Please call (713) 961-0166.

YEAR OLD PEDIGREED RUSSIAN BLUE PERSIAN

\$100 (713) 524-2880

Heights area 1/1 newly remodeled, fenced yard, dishwasher/disposal. 1 year lease (713) 431-2275

PENIS -NIPPLE ENLARGEMENT. GAIN 1-3"

Custom vacuum pumps -professional instruction. Safe-permanent erection -masturbation enhancement. Dr. Joel Kaplan 1 (800) 987-PUMP.

2/1 duplex, washer/dryer, small pets okay. \$800 a month (713) 528-7723.

Roommate needed! Discreet student preferred. \$250 a month. Small 3 bedroom house. Must like dogs. (713) 850-9418

Houston Models & Escorts

To advertise call
 Houston local
 number (713)
 529-8490 9-5
 Mon.-Fri.

UNLOAD AFTER HOURS!

Birthday under 30 complimentary. (713) 653-5900

TALL, HANDSOME BLONDE 24 HOURS
 (713) 698-0223

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE
 6' muscular, athletic, discreet, sexy call anytime Alex (713) 527-9007.

BODYWORKS:MUSCULAR, MASCULINE, IN-OUT (713) 916-2906.

NEED RELIEF? 24HRS, BRAD (713) 789-7587

HANDSOME YOUNG MAN

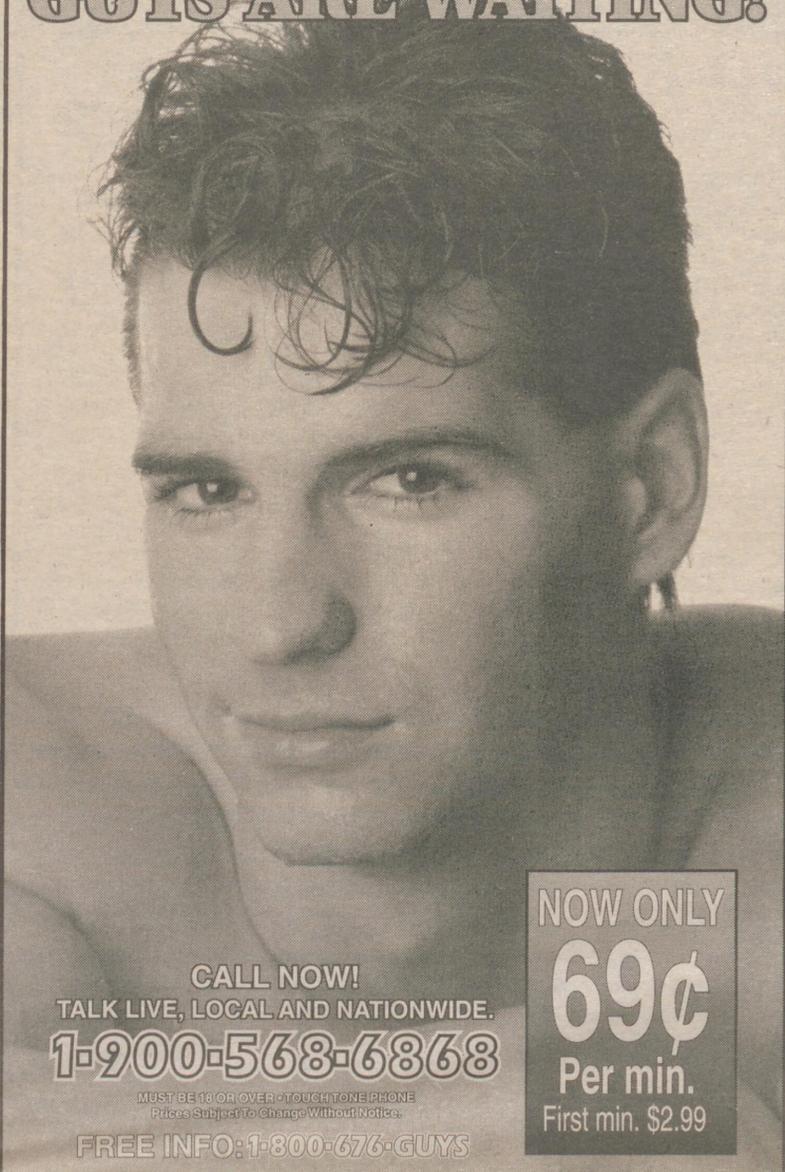
24yr. old, blonde/blue eyes. Older gentlemen appreciated. (713) 529-2204.

"BLONDE COLLEGE BOY (713) 942-XXL9"

Start the year right! Awesome, Hot, Latin Transsexual. 36C-24-36 -Very discreet (713) 529-6937.

HOT TIME - 24HRS. (713) 524-2880

**DIAL NOW
GUYS ARE WAITING!**



CALL NOW!
TALK LIVE, LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE.
1-900-568-6868

MUST BE 18 OR OVER • TOUCH TONE PHONE
Prices Subject To Change Without Notice.

FREE INFO: 1-800-676-GUYS

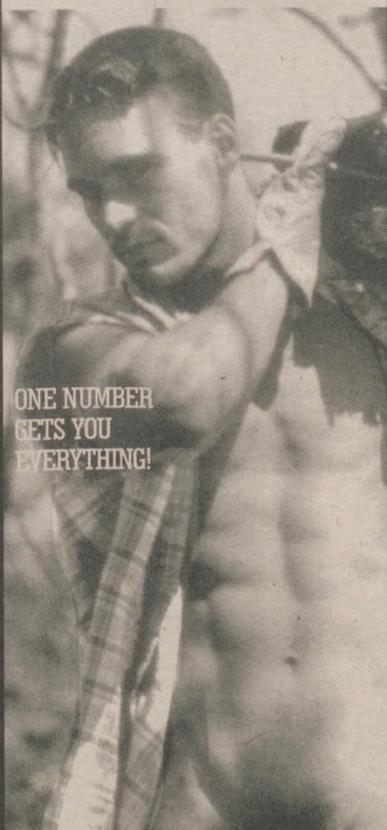
NOW ONLY

69¢

Per min.

First min. \$2.99

**THE WORKING MAN'S
PLAYGROUND**



ONE NUMBER
GETS YOU
EVERYTHING!

- HOT 1-ON-1 STUDS
- 'ANYTHING GOES' GROUP ACTION
- UNCENSORED FANTASIES
- HOT'N NASTY DATING PERSONALS

(7883)

1-800-795-STUD

\$2-\$3.50/min. - 18+
Instant Credit! (No V/MC needed)

EXCLUSIVE
TANNING • TURN YOUR
FANTASIES INTO
REALITY TODAY!!!!!!
THE MOST HANDSOME MEN WELCOME
MEN, WOMEN AND COUPLES
SPECIALS THIS WEEK

CUT THIS OUT • GOOD THROUGH THUR 1/13/94
\$30.00 OFF WITH THIS COUPON

CUT THIS OUT • GOOD THROUGH THUR 1/13/94
PLAY STRIP POKER
AND WIN FREE SESSIONS. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO
PLAY STRIP POKER AND WIN FREE SESSIONS AND
HAVE LOTS OF FUN. CALL FOR DETAILS

LOWEST RATES ON PHONE SEX

CALL FOR DETAILS **669-0253**

2590 South Loop West
(1 MILE WEST OF THE DOME) HOURS 10:00AM-1:00AM DAILY

CONNECT WITH HOUSTON

**MAN
-TO-
MAN!**

LOCAL HOUSTON TALK LINE
2 Hours for \$4
make friends or relationships

FREE VOICE MAIL BOXES
& free info line
(713) 778-6689

flat rate subscriptions available
(214) 761-6066

1-900-820-8799

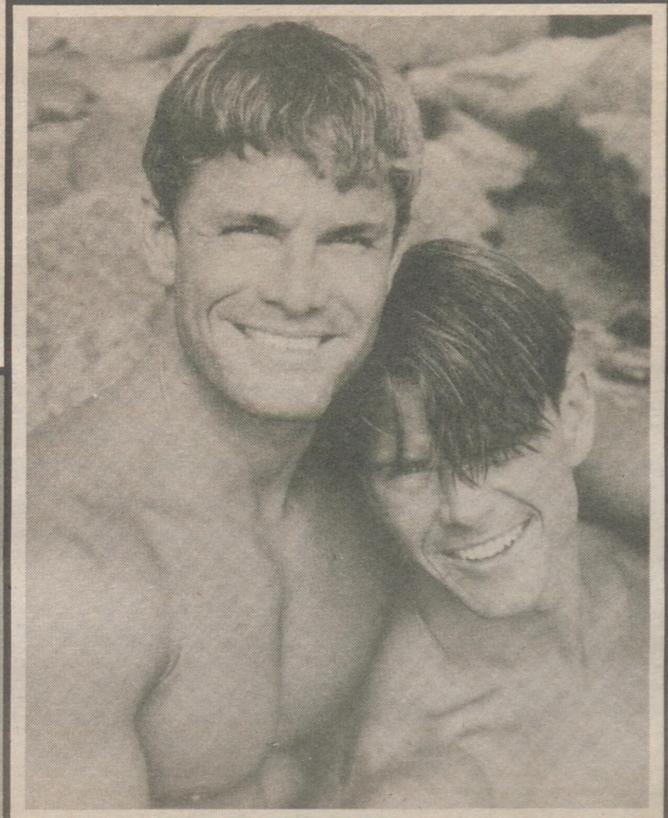
\$4 the 1st minute & 65¢ each addl.
2 hr. access for 1 min. cost press Option 8
18+ • MultiChannel • (214) 761-6066



**THE CLUB
HOUSTON**

2205 FANNIN • HOUSTON • (713) 659-4998

**Start Your New Year
at THE CLUB**



BUDDY NIGHTS
★ **WEDNESDAYS** ★
NOON TO MIDNIGHT
BUY A ROOM
AND
BUDDY GETS **FREE**
LOCKER
MEMBERSHIP (SIX MONTHS OR 1 DAY) REQUIRED

**TEN SESSION
TAN CARD SPECIAL** Reg. \$25
SPECIAL
\$20

*** **WEEKLY SPECIALS** ***

MONDAY	TUESDAY & THURSDAY
1/2 PRICE LOCKERS	1/2 PRICE ROOM & LOCKERS AND NOW OFFERING 1/2 PRICE VIDEO ROOMS

**YOUR COMPLETE ENTERTAINMENT &
PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPLEX**

- NAUTILUS
- PRIVATE DRESSING ROOMS
- POOL
- FREE WEIGHT
- LARGE SUNDECK
- JACUZZI
- TANNING BED
- FITNESS INSTRUCTOR
- SHOWERS
- DRY SAUNA
- SPECIALS WEEKLY
- VIDEO ROOMS
- STEAM BATH
- MASSAGE THERAPY
- LOCKERS

WE NEVER CLOSE

OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY • 7 DAYS A WEEK • 365 DAYS A YEAR
When in Dallas Visit **CLUB DALLAS**
2616 Swiss • 214/821-1990

BARS/CLUBS

BEAUMONT (A/C 409)
 Copa 304 Orleans 832-4206
 Sundowner 497 Crockett 833-3969

CORPUS CHRISTI (A/C 512)
 Babalou's 213 S. Staples 887-9346
 Choice's 1214 Leopard 888-8742
 Desert Hearts 4125 Gollihar 851-1178
 Hidden Door 802 S. Staples 822-0183
 U.B.U. 4701 Ayres 853-9693

GALVESTON (A/C 409)
 Evolution Mechanic xxx-xxxx
 Kon-Tiki 315 Tremont (23rd) 763-6264
 Robert's LaFitte 2501 Avenue Q 765-9092

HOUSTON (A/C 713)
 Backyard Bar & Grille 10200 S. Main 660-6285
 Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos 528-9192
 Briar Patch 2294 W. Holcombe 665-9678
 Club Houston 2205 Fannin 659-4998
 Cousins 817 Fairview 528-9204
 E/J's 2517 Ralph 527-9071
 Gentry 2303 Richmond 520-1861
 Heaven 812 Pacific 521-9123
 JR's 808 Pacific 521-2519
 Lazy J 312 Tuam 528-9394
 Mary's 1022 Westheimer 527-9669
 Midtown Spa 3100 Fannin 522-2379
 Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific 529-7488
 Ms. B's 9200 Buffalo Spdwy 666-3356
 Outpost 2818 Richmond 520-8446
 Pacific Street 710 Pacific 523-0213
 Ranch 9200 Buffalo Spdwy 666-3464
 Red Room 1419 Richmond 529-3367
 Rich's 2401-San Jacinto 759-9606
 Ripcord 715 Fairview 521-2791
 Venture-N 2923 Main 522-0000
 XTC 9200 Buffalo Spdwy 666-3464

SAN ANTONIO (A/C 210)
 2015 Place 2015 San Pedro 733-3365
 El Jardin 106 Navarro 223-7177
 Industria 450 Soledad 227-0484
 Miriam's 115 General Krueger 308-7354
 Nexus 8021 Pine Brook 341-2818
 Paper Moon 1430 N. Main 225-7330
 Silver Dollar Saloon 1418 N. Main 227-2623
 Sparks 8011 Webbles 653-9941
 Wild Club 820 San Pedro 226-2620
 Wild Country 414 W. Laurel 228-9378

RIO GRANDE VALLEY
 Harlingen (A/C 210)
 Planet 117 W. Jackson Harlingen (210)425-4652
 McAllen (A/C 210)
 10th Avenue 1820 10th Avenue 682-7131
 P.B.D.'s Lounge Ware Rd.@Daffodil 682-8019

Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 ball slopshot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Male Strippers with B.J. Williams, M.C. 10:30pm, E/J's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Tuesday, Jan. 11
 Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price locker) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Hot Dog night 5pm til, Past Time; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Southern Country C&W Dance Lessons 8-10pm, The Ranch; Young executive night, no cover with personalized business card 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Talent night with Giovanni 10:30pm, E/J's

Houston, Wednesday, Jan. 12
 Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour, \$1.00 Margaritas 7am-11pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Tex-Mex Buffet 5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Bare chest/harness night-Extended Happy Hour til 11pm, Venture-N; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Karaoke night with Bill Sansom 8:00pm, E/J's; Southern Country Group C&W Dance Lessons 8:30pm-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; White Hot Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Thursday, Jan. 13
 Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$1 Schnapps shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Slop shot pool tourney 1pm, Mary's; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Burger's at Animal's House 6-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Club night, Colors gets you happy hour prices til 11pm, Venture-N; Dance lessons 8:30pm, Brazos River Bottom; Tan Line Night, \$3 cover, 90¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, \$1 Schnapps



HOROSCOPE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7 - 14, 1994

Capricorns born during this second week of the New Year share the intelligence, commitment to achieving and good looks of the young Alexander Hamilton of the young Republic's era.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Your skills of observation and attention to detail are excellent for the next two weeks. Surround yourself with friends who are similarly epithetic and supportive, leaving behind acquaintances who are users and have kept you from achieving higher goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19) You were the center of attraction last Friday night evening at the Warwick. Looking wonderful with your sense of style. Seek out a friend or two who needs help in wearing the patterns and colors as you do. I'll met you at Community Resale on Richmond this Saturday afternoon.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Enjoy being noticed and lusted after these next two weeks. Have some of the Black Eyed Pea Dip from the Voice's recipe of last week on hand to serve to whom ever you may bring home. The dip will be a good luck symbol for you, and it is not gassy.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The strong effect of black leather attire will do you well socially this weekend. Have extra candles and incense ready at home as the person you will bring home has a romantic inclination and you are more likely to score in this setting. Be prepared to drip the hot wax if needed.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Aren't you glad that you listened and were rough and tumble with your special friend. I know that it is difficult for you to separate sex from love. Talk about your feelings to the important one in your life. Plan a erotic fantasy on your next go around.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Your twin personalities will be more similar than they have been recently. This will decrease your inner tension which often drives your high emotional level. Enjoy a calmer two weeks. Being conservative, your new Christmas ties, shirts and blouses add color to wardrobe.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Saw you pumping up your muscle at the gym this week, now to watch the new you develop in time for Splash Day. Increased self esteem is at hand. Try to spend as much time working out with the weights as you are inclined to spend in the sauna and showers.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) Continue to sort through your circle of friends and distance your self from the 'oh woe is me' and user persons. Increased happiness will come from new friends who will raise your spirits. Avoid all downer type of drugs. Wear something bright and colorful each day.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Feel better without all of the high sugar foods of the Holidays? Get your quick energy from fructose in fruit, rather than sucrose in processed and sugar added foods. Begin to look around for someone to be of physical assistance to who is ill, AFH maybe of assistance here.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Continue to wear strong colors of red, black and blue as they will have you noticed and sought after. Set a plan and goal before going out socially so that you will not be side tracked, unless you plan to catch an engineer, as Rick R., who o is not all that bad.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Wasn't it more fun being on top this past weekend. Heard good compliments about yourself. Watch your expenditures, please be careful with purchases for another two weeks. The ARIES person is still interested in you. Have a late night snack available for your date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 20) Your wonderful recipes have begun to attract quite a following, especially with your skill in seasoning. But then you have always been a bit on the spicy side. Eating good food is one of the safer oral things that we can do today. Be extra affectionate this weekend.

RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



YO! IT'S ME AGAIN, THE KUNTRY KIDD! BOY DO I HAVE A GREAT RECIPE FOR YOU. WORD OF WARNING THOUGH, IF YOU HAVE A HAIR OR NAIL APPOINTMENT, CANCEL. THIS RECIPE TAKES AWHILE, BUT WILL IMPRESS YOUR HOT, HOT DATE. UNLESS OF COURSE HE HAS NO CLASS.

MOUSSAKA (mu-se-ka)

- 1 LARGE EGPLANT, PARED, CUT IN 1/2 INCH SLICES (YOU MAY WONT TWO, ONE FOR LATER)
- 1 TSP SALT, OR TO TASTE
- 1 POUND LEAN GROUND BEEF (YOU CAN SUBSTITUTE LAMB FOR THE BEEF-IT'S SCRUMPTIOUS!)
- 2 MEDIUM ONIONS, CHOPPED (HOLD OFF ON YOUR MAKE-UP GIRLS)
- 2 CLOVES GARLIC, MINCED
- 1/2 TSP THYME (A TIMEX WILL DO, NO ROLEX NEEDED)
- 1/4 TSP EACH, OREGANO AND NUTMEG
- 2 TBSP PARSLEY, CHOPPED
- 1 CUP CANNED (OR FRESH) TOMATOES - THERE IS A NEAT LITTLE VEGETABLE STAND AT HWY 149 AND FM 105 IN MONTGOMERY, TEXAS.
- 1/2 CUP WHITE WINE
- 1/2 CUP BREAD CRUMBS - USE ITALIAN FLAVORED-BRINGS OUT THE STUD IN YOU! OLIVE OIL
- 4 TSP PARMESAN CHEESE, GRATED - FRESH IS BETTER THAN OUT OF THE CAN.

THIS IS WHERE THE WORK BEGINS!!

SPRINKLE EGGPLANT WITH SALT AND ALLOW TO STAND 1/2 HOUR (TAKES OUT BITTERNESS) RINSE AND DRY THOROUGHLY. BROWN MEAT WITH ONION AND GARLIC. DRAIN FAT. ADD SEASONINGS, PARSLEY, TOMATOES, AND WINE. COVER AND COOK EGGPLANT SLICES IN OLIVE OIL. SPRINKLE BOTTOM OF LARGE RECTULANGULAR CASSEROLE WITH REMAINING CRUMBS. COVER IN SEQUENCE WITH LAYER OF EGGPLANT, MEAT MIXTURE, SAUCE, CHEESE TOPPING.

SAUCE:

- 3 TBSP FLOUR
- 3 TBSP BUTTER, MELTED
- 1 1/2 CUPS MILK
- 2 EGG YOLKS, WELL BEATEN (BUT DON'T GET TOO BUTCH, USE AN EGG BEATER).
- 1/2 TSP SALT, OR TO TASTE
- PEPPER TO TASTE

TO PREPARE SAUCE, ADD FLOUR SLOWLY TO MELTED BUTTER, STIRRING CONSTANTLY. REMOVE FROM HEAT. SLOWLY STIR IN MILK. RETURN TO HEAT AND STIR UNTIL SAUCE THICKENS. ADD EGG YOLKS AND SEASONINGS, STIRRING CONSTANTLY UNTIL BLENDED. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, UNCOVERED, 45 MINUTES.

SERVE WITH A NICE GREEK SALAD.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD



THE TEXAS PUZZLE

Includes Texas Clues, Current U.S. Events & Standard Crossword Clues

ACROSS

1 initials of American historian, folklorist, author Dobie ("Conform and be dull.")

4 Roman numeral 1502

5 minerals containing a valuable constituent

6 confrontational predicaments

11 small social insects

13 in 1966 this Texas tax was abolished

14 meadow

16 violent public disorder

18 member of French secular clergy

20 atoms related by species

22 In 1882 the whole town moved 2 miles to be on the Texas & Pacific Railroad

25 type of

American Rockefeller family, initials ("A friendship founded on

15 chronic respiratory disease

17 make weary

19 dissatisfactory

20 Latin for 'that is,' abbrev.

21 19th century Irish wit Wilde, initials ("Education is an admirable thing, but nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.")

23 state with rhododendron as official flower, abbrev.

24 additional things, abbrev.

26 state with Sacramento as capital, abbrev.

30 Officer of the Guard, abbrev.

31 dish of seasoned rice

32 quantum suffix (as much as suffices), abbrev.

MORE CLUES

If desired, at these numbers fill in these letters: 1 J, 3 D, 4 M, 6 S, 10 S, 17 T, 20 I, 22 S, 25 D, 28 S, 29 C, 35 C

The solution appears elsewhere this issue c.1993 GULF FEATURES, PUZZLE TXS65